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THE UPCOMING YEAR

What do you think about when someone says September to you? Susan McColley says "September is non-faded levi's and new leather shoes." But the most obvious responses I got was school and the crisp bite in the air followed by lots of rain. September seems to be a month full of anticipations, expectations, and anxieties. The start of a new season, new classes, new friends, new teachers, new styles, and of course, a new alarm time.

But what about school? Everyone has recollections of certain events, tests, smells, people. The cafeteria, before and during lunch, on occasion has the power to clear one's sinuses (though the lunch lines have always remained incredibly long). Or if you are like Becky Lavin, an unfortunate Trig student, giving yourself an ulcer over a test the next day. Spending an hour each day in the Science rooms, becoming used to the smell of formal-

dehyde and hoping you're not the one who has to dissect the frog.

Let us not forget though the question, that is on everybody's lips, "Is it Friday yet?" Friday where at the beginning of the year, dances are abundant. Putting on your best outfit, meeting your friends, or if you're lucky like Joe Danavich, you can scam on some chicks.

Y ... Because we like you!



Escorted by her bodyguards, Monica Stergion waves to the crowd.



Molly O'Donnell is set for Hawaii!





Mario replies, "Look! there is a resemblance."

The side affects of school lunches hit Eric Anderson.



Raise your hands if you're sure

Winter 1985 was Snow . . . Cold

Weather or not . . .

We greeted old friends and new in September in one giant bronzed blaze of glory. A record breaking heat wave, and string of rainless days made the summer of '85 one to remember. Students in line for registration sported Bermuda shorts and Ocean Pacific T-shirts to best compare their tan.

Our sun didn't last long though and to contrast our summer came another string of record breaking days, this time, coldest and snowiest in this century. Decatur was empty, as the whole state bundled up and enjoyed a mini-vacation in November.

When the big thaw finally came, there wasn't much more the weather man could do to top the already bizarre first three months.

update...

ON HANGING OUT

We've all felt it. The sudden need is too great to deny. It strikes students everyday. The results ... devastating. It is called many things but is commonly referred to as hanging out. When struck by this need, a student loses most train of thought. Nothing matters but to stop and enjoy oneself. All movement of the limbs cease when the student stops completely and functions on only from the waist up. This allows for ample viewing and talking but restricts any motion towards class. At least, the true reason for the students' excessive tardies.

The sufferers of "hanging out" are highly contagious. In a matter of seconds, an entire group of "hangers" can form. There appears to be no limit to the number of "hangers" at any one time, but it is believed that any amount over 20 can become a danger to society. This is often a rare problem; due to unexplainable reasons, the need to "hang-out" cannot be transferred to a person who is not of the same secular group as that of the original victim, such as "jock", "rocker", "mod", etc. Location is also a common factor ... of "hanging out." Although one can "hang

out" anywhere, certain people are more susceptible to different areas than others. This also contributes to the idea of cliques because each group can often be found in the relatively same locale each day. Similar to location, certain objects can trigger the impulse to "hang out", the most popular being vehicles of two-and four-wheeled nature. Lockers also seem to attract a considerable amount of attention. As powerful as the need to hang out may be, the affect eventually comes to an end. The muscles from the waist down become active once again in either of



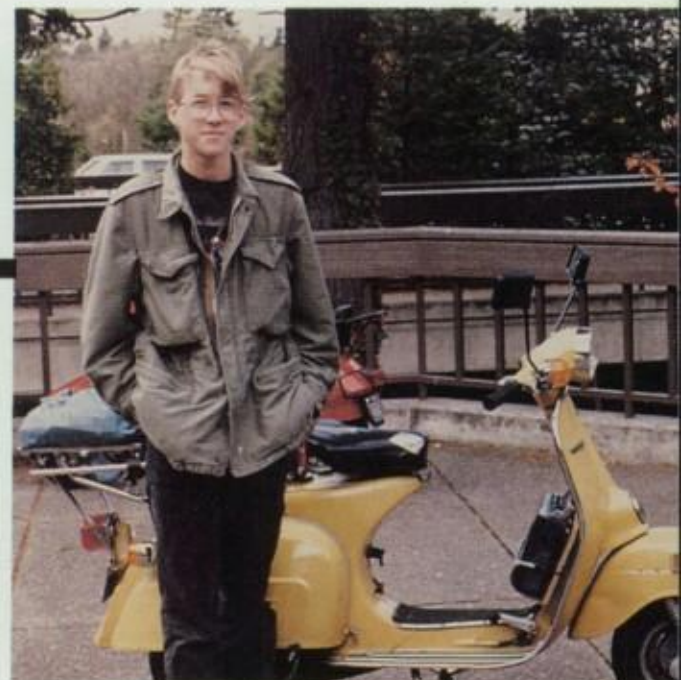
Kim Dillon, always a hop ahead of fashion, shows off her pink satin rabbit ears.

Heidi Martin, Tim Lawrence, Janna Southworth, or Brian Duvall - Will the real counseling aide please step forward?





Sondra Bishop and Mary O'Brien are leading the pack.



Steve, Nikki, Mikal, and Patricia share creative ideas with one another in art class.

Jay Erickson: A boy and his bike.

Shannon Finney and Chaun Carda doing their imitations of "I'm a Little Teapot."



two manners, the sufferer wanders a slow, leisurely pace or, as a result of time wasted, resorts to a quick, hurried stride. Accompanying this fevered attempt to get to class within a 10-second time span, a slight memory loss which prevents a student from supplying a teacher with a believable excuse for their unfortunate delay.

The long-range effects of "hanging out" are not fully

known, but serious nonetheless. Excessive tardies are an unpardonable offense punishable by extensive sessions in detention or at Saturday Work.

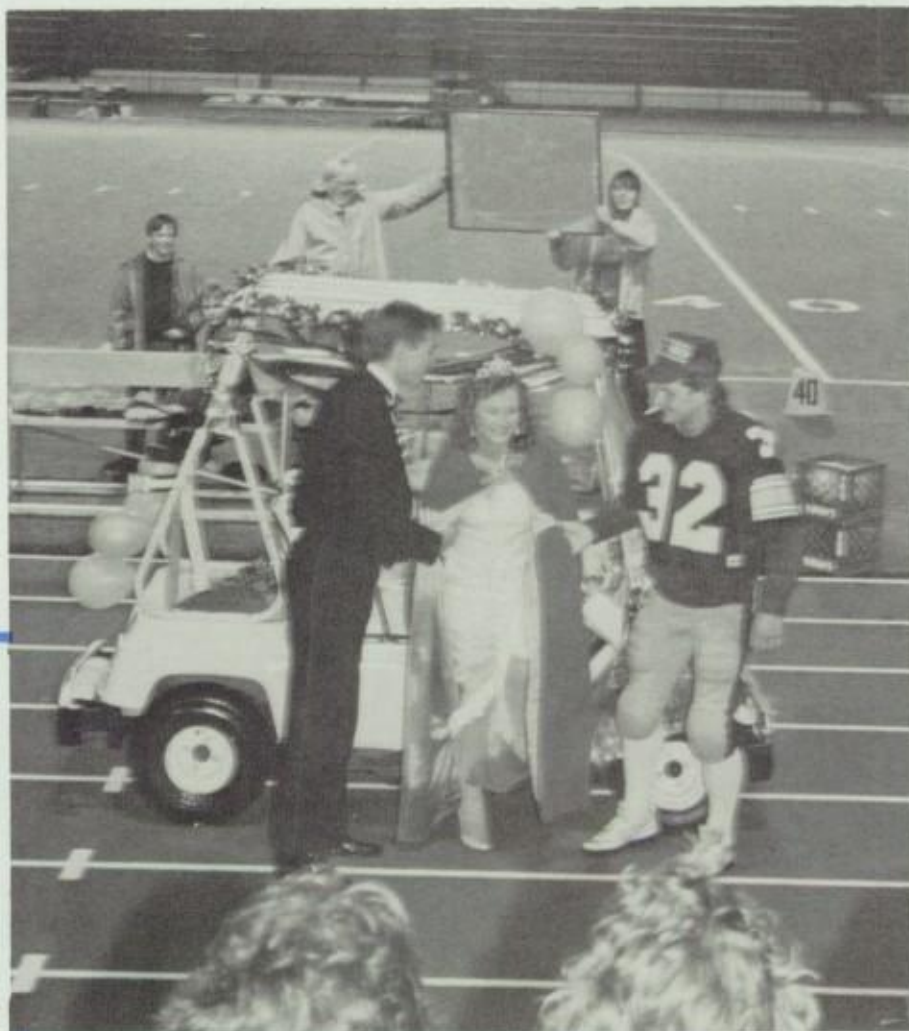
Although "hanging out" is tolerated on the whole, the principals and teachers alike are now aware of this growing problem. Maybe they will find a solution, but until then - enjoy!



Shannon Rodriguez demonstrates his astounding athletic ability.

Nancy Moores shows her fear as our spirited vampire, Mike Bosley, Get's for the bite.

Robert Witter and Dave Starkweather helping the '85-'86 Homecoming Queen, Genise French.



Floats sink along with stadium field...

It's the big Friday night homecoming game and you're waiting for the clock to run out and the traditional half time show to begin. Off in the distance you see the cars turn the bend onto the track. But wait ... those sparkling decorated cars are golf carts! No corvetes, no floats, what has happened to the annual homecoming fair?

The story goes that during August the field was re-surfaced. A build up of water had collected under the area and the heavy machinery working on it began to sink into the field. A dismal situation at best. The entire area had to be repaired and FAST. The new school year was about to begin and the stadium is heavily used in the fall. Thus ... golf carts rolled onto a fresh black track surface for our '85 Homecoming.



Homecoming Prince, Mark Hall, and Princess, Mary O'Brien at the Homecoming game.



Mondays attire for Spirit '85, Disney Day.



Hawaiian Day Spirit shown by Jeff and his gals.

We have High Spirit.

Mickey Mouse ears and a Donald Duck T-shirt may not be normal Monday morning attire, but when it's Spirit Week 1985 anything goes, (and certainly did). And what about Tuesday? It was almost as though we were going to have 60 different sporting events going on at once, and a cheerleader or two to spare. Wednesday got a little bermuda bizarre

with Hawaiian Days. (Boy if the Hawaiians could have seen us). By then we were really on a role and Thursday being Halloween, every boy and ghoul got in the act. We were cute animal critters, vampires, and even martians! It was fun to see how many of the staff joined in the fun. The climax of the whole whole week, was formal day, in honor of

homecoming. Dresses and tuxes everywhere. As a result of all the spirit shown throughout the week, Homecoming was a time of togetherness and fun. It was like a terrific contagious disease that all the football players must have caught because the game Friday was dynamite!



Mrs. Ericson says, "Howdy Ya'll."

A portrait of Sports Day shows a lot of the people who decided to show their spirit.



Zorro, the coming attraction.



Signs of spirit on Halloween.

REACH UP AND CAPTURE . . .

Homecoming 1985! This was the moment that all Decaturites had been waiting for. Friday afternoon, oodles of students stampeded over to the gym, joined their friends, and waited for the festivities to begin.

The assembly began with a unique version of the "Star Spangled Banner," then emcees Mark Davis and Linda Flannery introduced the many skits and entertainment groups that performed through out the program. It was evident that Gator spirit was running strong as each skit presented

anything from a day in the life of Beaver Cleaver to a Saturday Night Live Hallucination. However, each skit centered around this year's Homecoming theme, "Capture the Moment."

Soon it was time for the moment of all moments: The appearance of the 1985 Homecoming Court and the crowning of this year's King and Queen. Surprise was written on the faces of Robert Witter and Jenise French as they discovered that they were this year's Royal Couple.



What are you wearing to Homecoming? That was the question that was on these girl's lips.

Those Juniors make themselves out to be a wild and crazy bunch, "I must say."



Decatur cheerleaders demonstrate different personalities on film.



Our vice principals are displaying their off the job upbeat fashions.



Our 1985 Homecoming Court: John Day, Katrina Thamert, Jeff Witter, Robin Mahlman, Mark Hall, Mary O'Brien, Jenise French, Robert Witter, Kris Nelson, Louis Frank, Monica Stergion, John Brooks, Kim Latta, Matt Ellison.

Rob Boyd and his group perform "Heaven" by Bryan Adams. This was only one of the several musical groups that performed during the assembly.



From the turn of the century to the 60's protests, our faculty proves that "those were the days."



Having won the honor of becoming Homecoming's Royal Couple, Robert Witter escorts Jenise French down the isle.



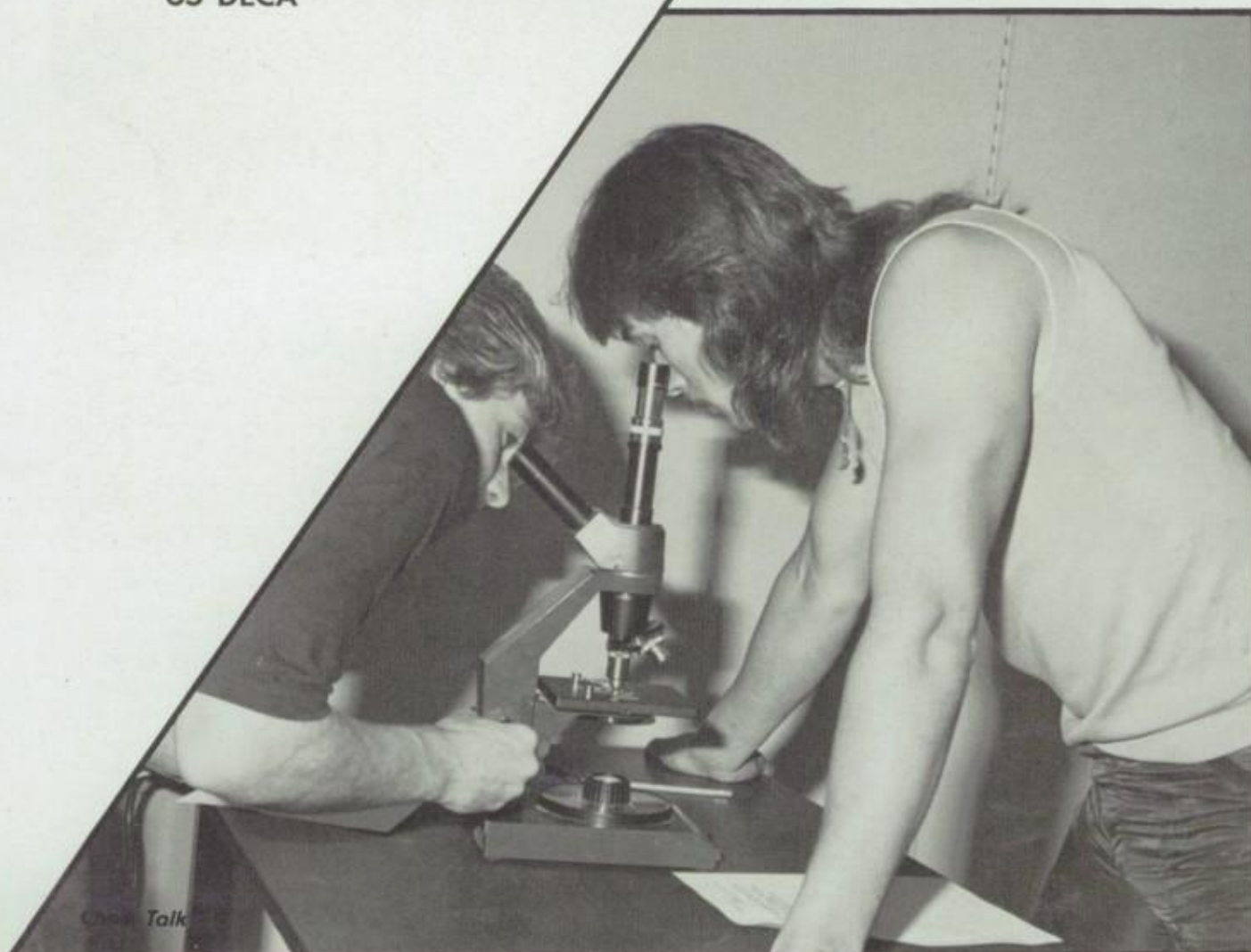
"Welcome to the 1985 Homecoming Assembly." Mark Davis and Linda Flannery received the privilege of being this year's emcees.

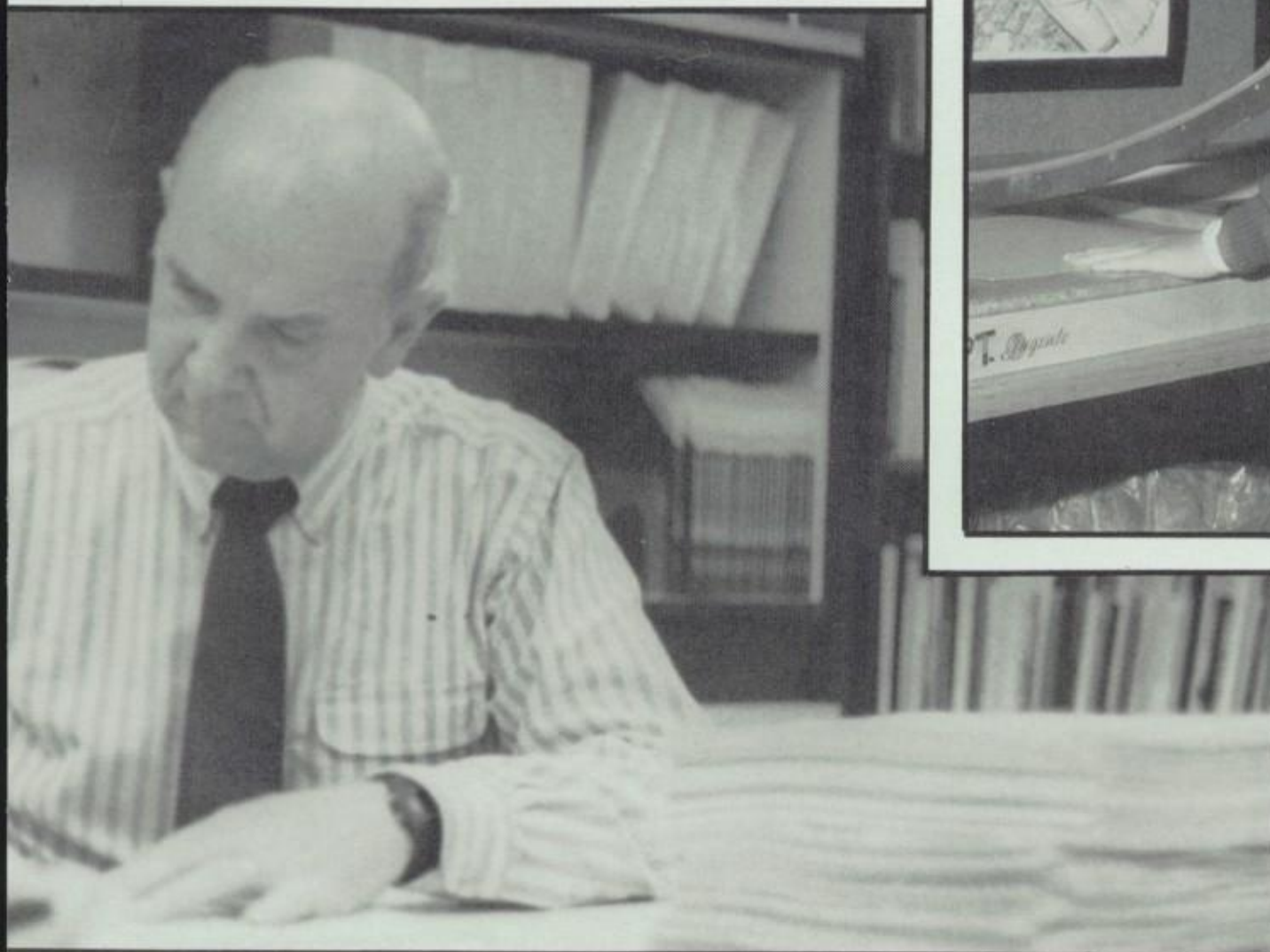
Homecoming - that time of year Decatur Alumni take a vacation from their daily lives and return "home," a place where the most embarrassing AND the best moments occurred, and where a lot of changing and decision making took place.

Many traditions are present in Homecoming. Last year's queen crowns this year's, old students drop in on old teachers, and former band members join the pep band at the Homecoming game. And don't forget the dance - where those magic moments can be captured every year.

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Yvette, Kristen, Kris, and Antoinette try out the new typewriter.

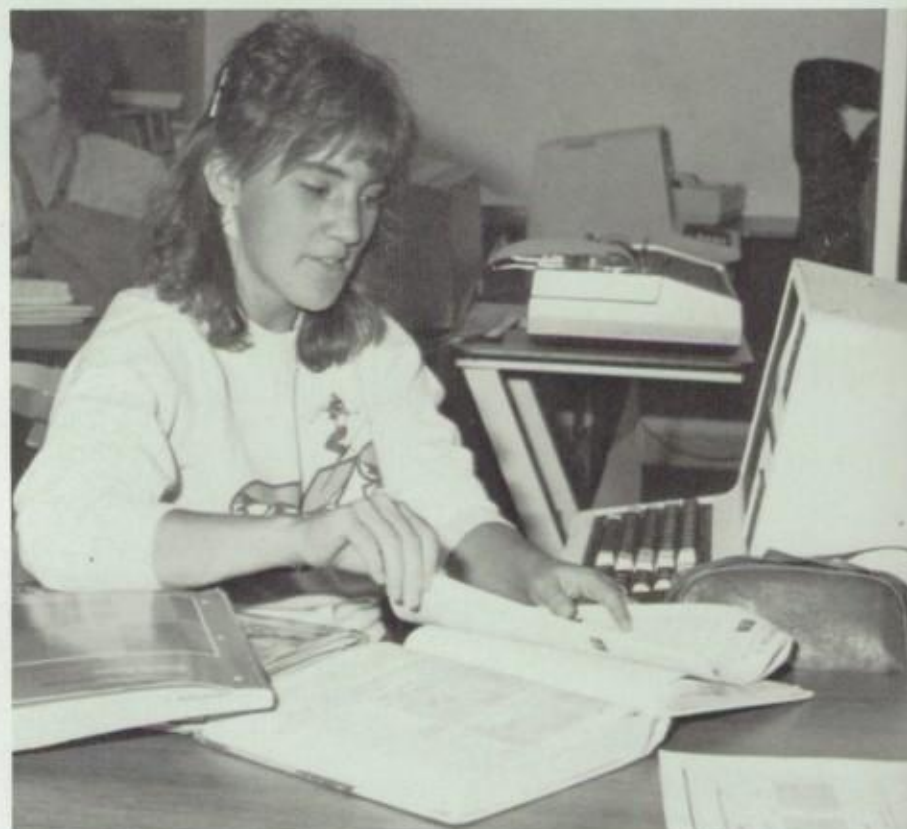
Glen Dennis grins about his typing skills.



UP THE ROAD TO SUCCESS

Today's men and women embarking on business careers will have the opportunity to influence many of the social, political, and economic forces in today's world. Our Business Department is providing a foundation upon which students can continue to build their professional skills. The business world is rapidly changing and the Business Department has developed to meet these demands with new microprocessors, typewriters, leadership programs, and even chalk boards. The Business Department offers its classes the opportunity to earn certificates of proficiency which qualify the students for entry level jobs and students can also

earn credit for holding a part-time job. A wide variety of business classes are taught at Decatur, they vary from Shorthand to Business Law. With the increasing rise in white-collar jobs our Business Department is providing students with the opportunity to learn many important skills and processes. In the future the demand for well-trained business personnel is expected to continue to rise. If you plan on entering the business world the valuable training here at Decatur can give you a head start on success. Next year why don't you take advantage of the many opportunities our Business Department has to offer?

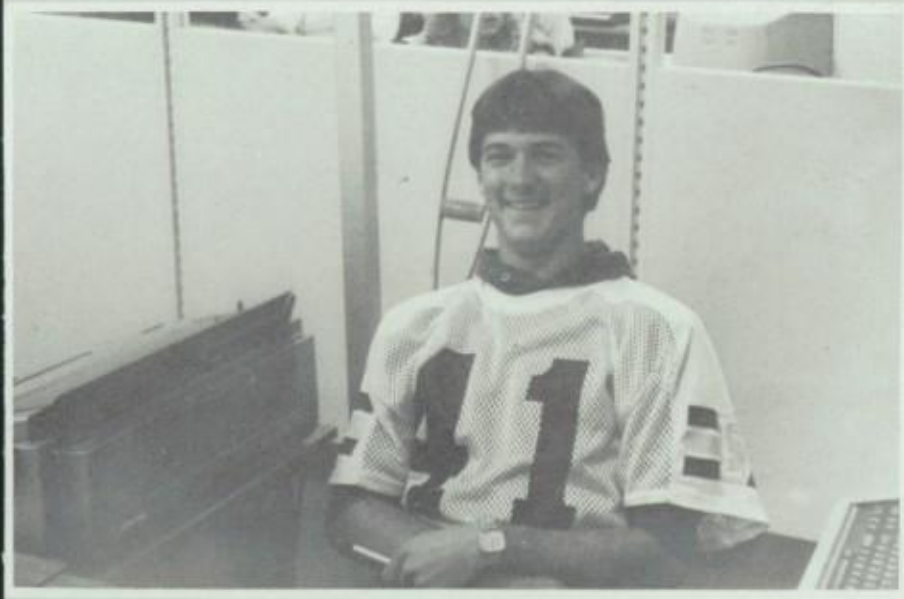


A hardworking junior accountant.

Up Up and Away to a C.P.A.

Mike Burley is one of 8 advanced accounting students here at Decatur. He has made a career decision which all of us will someday have to decide. Mike has chosen to follow in his father's footsteps and pursue a career in accounting. Having made this decision he decided to start early with his training so he enrolled in the Accounting classes here at Decatur. Mike feels that what he has learned from accounting in high school will be

very beneficial for him when he enters college. In college Mike plans to earn a degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in accounting. With his degree in hand Mike hopes to eventually pass the examination which will enable him to become a Certified Public Accountant. Though currently working at our neighborhood recycling center in the future we may see Mike doing our taxes!



If you're happy and you know it then your face will surely show it!

Lynn Beer shows us her typing technique.

Can Ty Gemar account for the last 30 minutes?



Chris Meyers shows us his business look.

I wonder if I can tap into the school records?



GATORS MOVE ONWARD . . .

The English department is losing one of its own. After 38 years of teaching, Mr. Haas is retiring with an abundance of special friends and memories. He has taught English and Latin and has also coached the boys' tennis team during his lengthy stay at Decatur.

For the first year following his retirement, Mr. Haas plans to fix

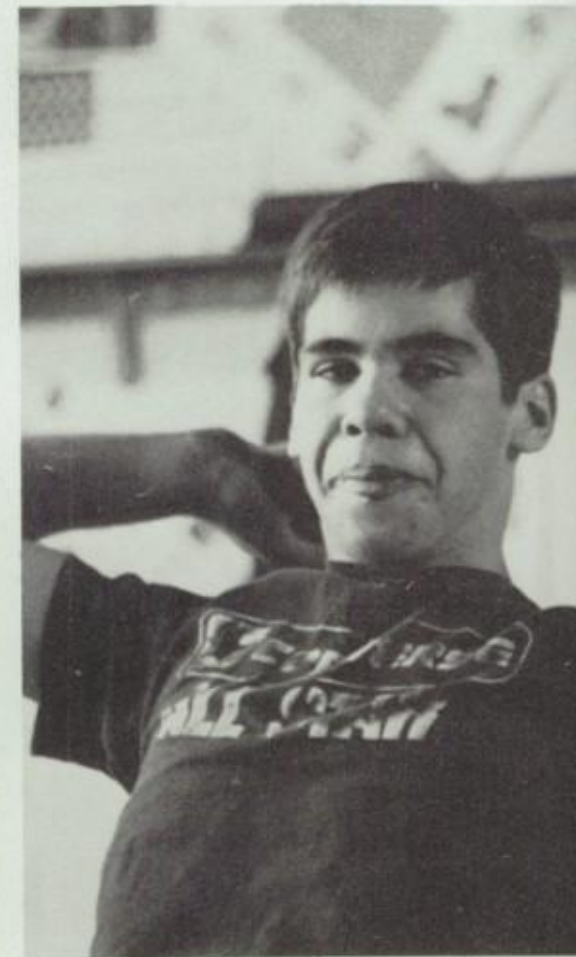
the odds and ends of his house. He also hopes to travel and contribute to workshops. His love for classical music will bring him back to the guitar, an instrument he played often before teaching.

Mr. Haas will remember Decatur for its "open friendship of the place." He saw Decatur as an area where everyone was friendly to him. Decatur surely

felt the same about him and will miss Mr. Haas for his unique and appreciated talents.

This year, Decatur's Ms. Smith established a new program in Soph. English entitled "Global Studies." Studies envelop classical, world-based literature, international movies, and select handouts. This class is an excellent tool in developing an under-

Hal Underwood demonstrates modern desk aerobics.



Skip! This sophomore class seems to have something other than English on their mind.



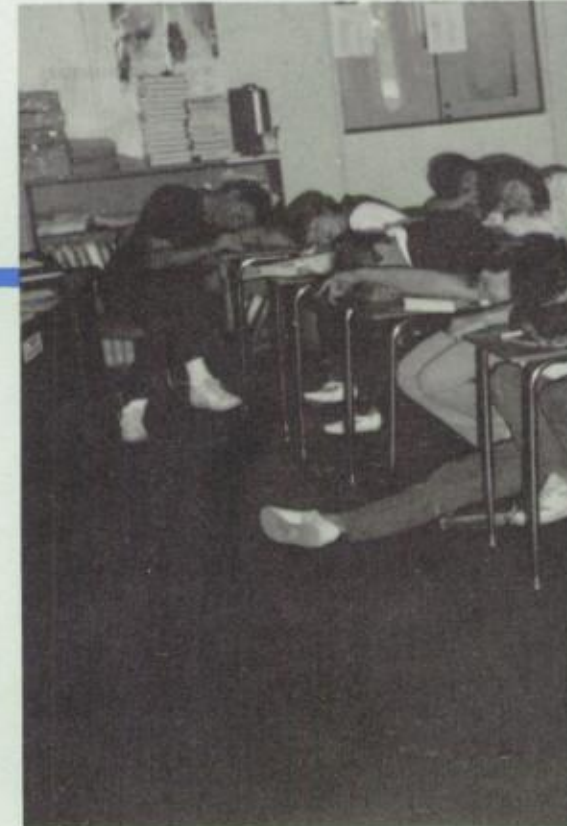
Cory Herricks wonders if he should do his assignment now, or leave it for later.



Maria Young and a friend compare notes before a test.



"You wanna know what I think?" asks Thomas Dierking.





Glenn Dennis is puzzled - "Did you understand any of that?"

... AND UPWARDS

standing of basic human commonalities, at the same time recognizing the importance of individuals and cultural differences.

Ms. Smith developed this program on her own during two intense weeks of study. She admits "Putting this program together was a tremendous amount of work, but I feel it has become a brand new and refreshing course

of study." Ms. Smith has observed that the students have had a difficult time facing some of the controversial issues dealt with in class, such as terrorism, world hunger, and the population explosion.

Decatur will certainly be indebted to Ms. Smith for developing a superior program with such far-reaching potential.



Lynn Beer wonders if that joke was actually funny.



Devon Manier isn't afraid of hard work.



Mr. von Doehren spends another stimulating class with his pupils.



"Open - book test - my favorite!" says Kelly.

The upper half on Drama and Speech

Lights, Camera, Action! Introducing, the stars of our show. Decatur's own Drama and Speech Department. With first billing, Ms. Gervais, as it has been for the past two years, making the presentation totally professional with nineteen years of teaching experience.

Why take Drama or Speech? According to Mark Davis

"Drama is a way to let go of inhibitions and become anyone you want." Being taught how to make the audience feel the presentation is reality. How to laugh, how to cry, and being able to say, I hurt!

The only problem is not everyone can feel comfortable speaking in front of a live audience.



Patrizia deCapitani takes a small break from her French class.

Liv Christianson shows a little Spanish flair.

Linda Flannery adds a creative touch.

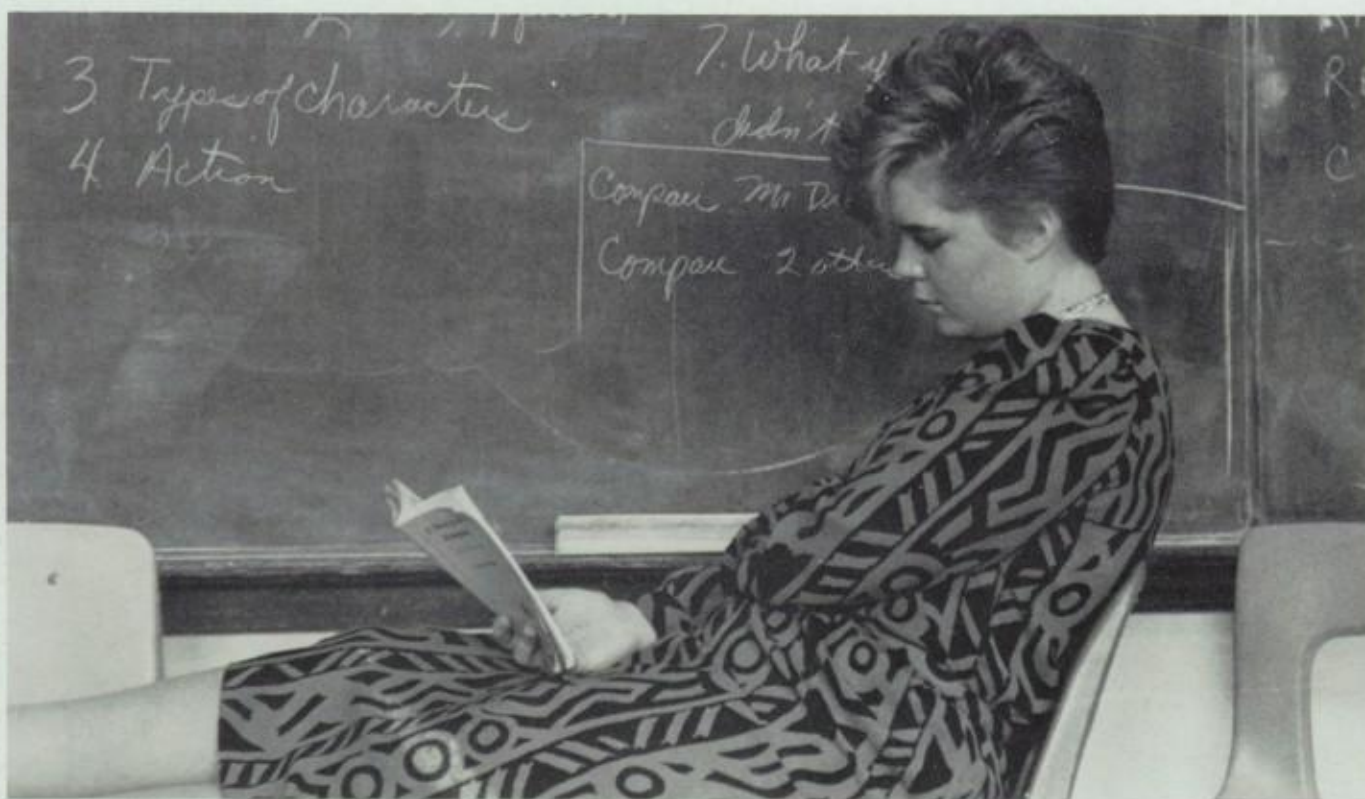




Mary O'Brian and Stacey Stalder study their lines for their upcoming speech.

To Susan Heath, there's nothing like relaxing with a good book.

Ms. Werner keeps her class in perfect step.



Up look



If your German homework looks as unfamiliar as Greek, cheer up! Plenty of our Decatur Gators will agree that foreign language is not easy. Those points of grammar can even cause straight-A students to throw temper tantrums. Our bilingual teachers just don't realize our problems, or do they? Ms. Reed replies, "Kids think teachers don't know the difficulty, but they had to learn it once, and for them it was hard too."

Our everyday English is taught in

countries throughout the world. Take Sweden for instance. According to Patrizia deCapitani, a foreign exchange student from Switzerland, students start to learn French at age 13, and English at 15. "We had English class 3 hours per week. Mostly all European countries teach English."

So, cheer up! Things could be worse. You could be a (almost) mandatory tri-lingual by now. And after all, it's a small, small world.

Ms. Reed's German class entraps themselves in their lessons.

NEWSTAFF

Sounds of clicking typewriters, laughter, and squeaking chairs greet you as you walk into the room. While some are doing nothing, others run around frantically babbling "Where's the layout paper?", "Where are the corrections?", "The deadline is TOMORROW?" Who are these people and what are they doing?

They are members of Decatur's news staff, working, rushing, and panicking. This scene is often found just before the paper is printed each month. "You must be able to cope with a stressful atmosphere in order to survive here", commented one reporter as he tripped over a wastebasket filled to overflowing with the

crumpled efforts of frustrated journalists.

Stumbling into the backroom is always a challenge, as you never know what you will encounter . . . exacto knives for ads, border tape, typewriters, scissors, tape, glue stick, blue correction pens, sheets of layout, thumbtacks, staples, and copies of prior issues all over a single table. Pictures, posters, and sticky corrections from the printers are suspended on the walls in a hurried fashion, and bulletins and deadlines cover each other in layers adorning a bulletin board in the back room. The drawers below are over-filled and no longer close.



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Tonia Suchy copies a layout onto a 3-R form.

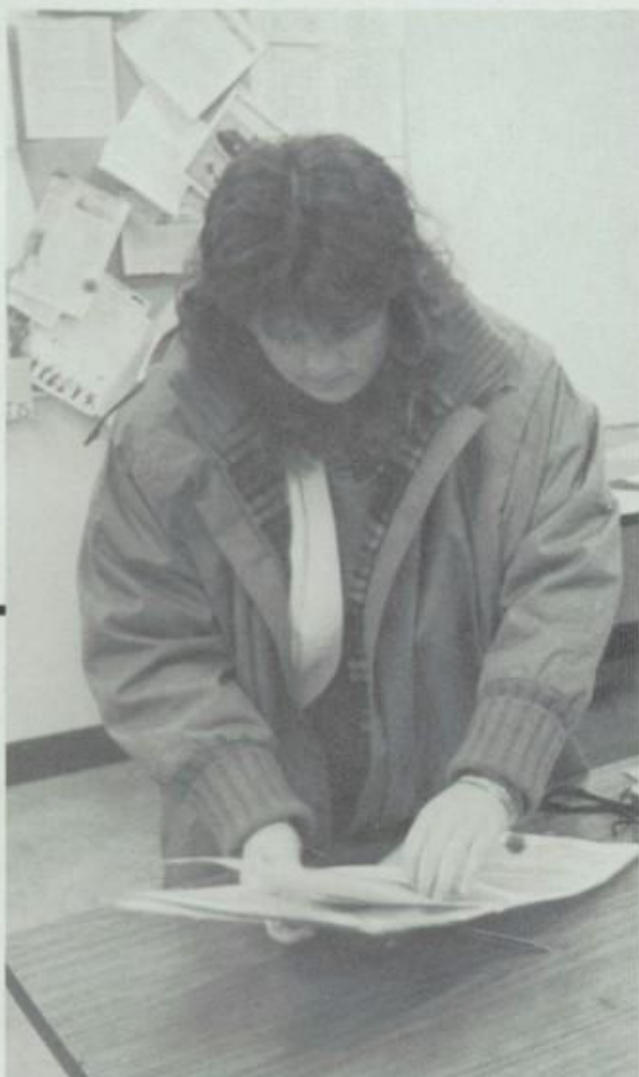
David Beagle and Ken Taylor argue over who's story will be printed.



Debbye, Missy, and Curt work intently during 6th hour Annual Staff.

Teresa Goodhue chooses a headline size.

Kathy Tucker arranges the stories on the newspaper layout.



Rampson, L.
Vahlers, J. Williams,
T. Ward. Advisor: P.
Olsson.



NEWSTAFF: S. Anderson, T. Anderson, M. Antilla, D. Beagle, T. Bernave, S. Bolin, R. Boyd, J. Brooks, J. Buck, E. Bunch, L. Comstock, L. Conway, K. Cook, C. Facchini, J. Gadsby, N. Gim, T. Goodhue, C. Hahn, J. Harper, R. Hunsaker, M. Ishii, D. Johnson, J. Kang, A. Kim, J. Long, D. McBurney, M. McMullen, C. Merkt, C. Polonsky, P. Rott, M. Scholl, T. Simonson, B. Smothers, E. Starkey, T. Sterling, K. Taylor, T. Trendall, K. Tucker, K. Voss, M. Werner, A. Zmijewski.
Advisor: D. Matthews, J. Carda

ANNUAL STAFF

How does Mr. Matthews feel? When asked, he replied, "Teaching journalism has the vice and virtue of provoking thought. Journalists are supposed to be the students with eyes, ears, and minds open. When they are, they can use their published writing to inform and stimulate other students. They can reflect student views and provide leadership in the school. An awesome challenge indeed."

Michelle Werner

When the annual staff was asked to define "deadline" as it pertained to

them, these are a few of the responses received-

Lisa Scharz- "Instant headache."

Matt McMullen- "D-day; on D-day had better be done."

Sheri Lou Stannard- "Panic! P-A-N-I-C; panic!"

Tami Ashby- "the scariest day next to finals."

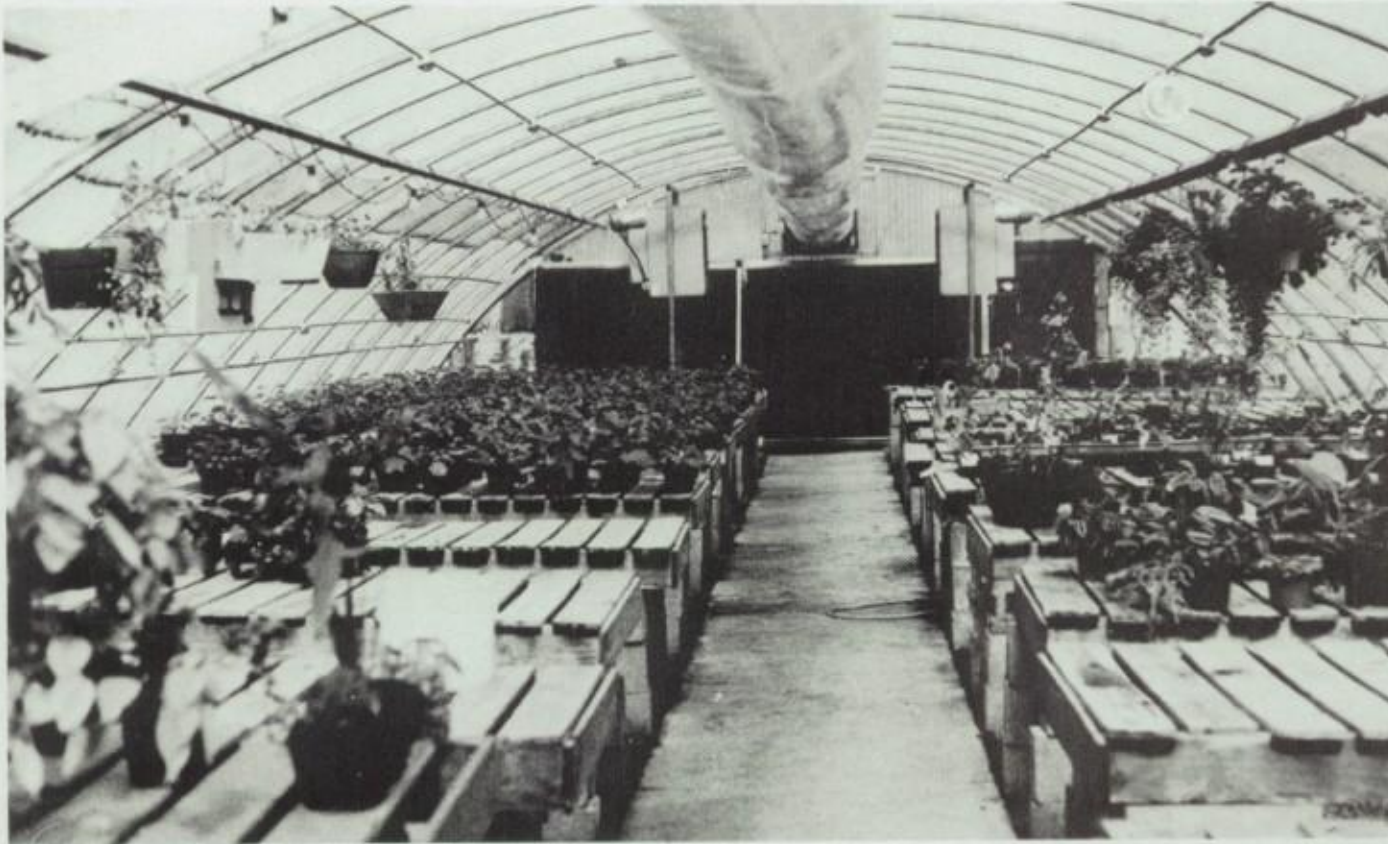
Todd Bernave- "I don't want to think about it."

Terri Ward- "The day I find out who's not ready."

Sheri Hurst- "Doing today what you put off yesterday."

Terry Ward stuffs a mailing bag with the finished copy.

Cheri Menghini takes a moment to pose for the camera.



HORTICULTURE

The life in the world of Horticulture — sounds, smells, colors, class activities, equipment, the things you hear and learn — are all involved in this little world.

When asking other students what they really enjoyed about Horticulture they replied in this way: "I learn how to work with plants and how to grow them." "There isn't a lot

of written work, it's all physical activity." "You have the freedom to express your creativity."

The Horticulture class is basically an easy going class. You learn to use skills that are needed for everyday life. There's freedom in this class which isn't found in many other classes, which, is enjoyed by all!



A view of Horticulture's infamous greenhouse.

Preparing wreaths for Horticulture's Holiday sale is hard work.

I don't think Angie Cowell expected this picture to be taken.

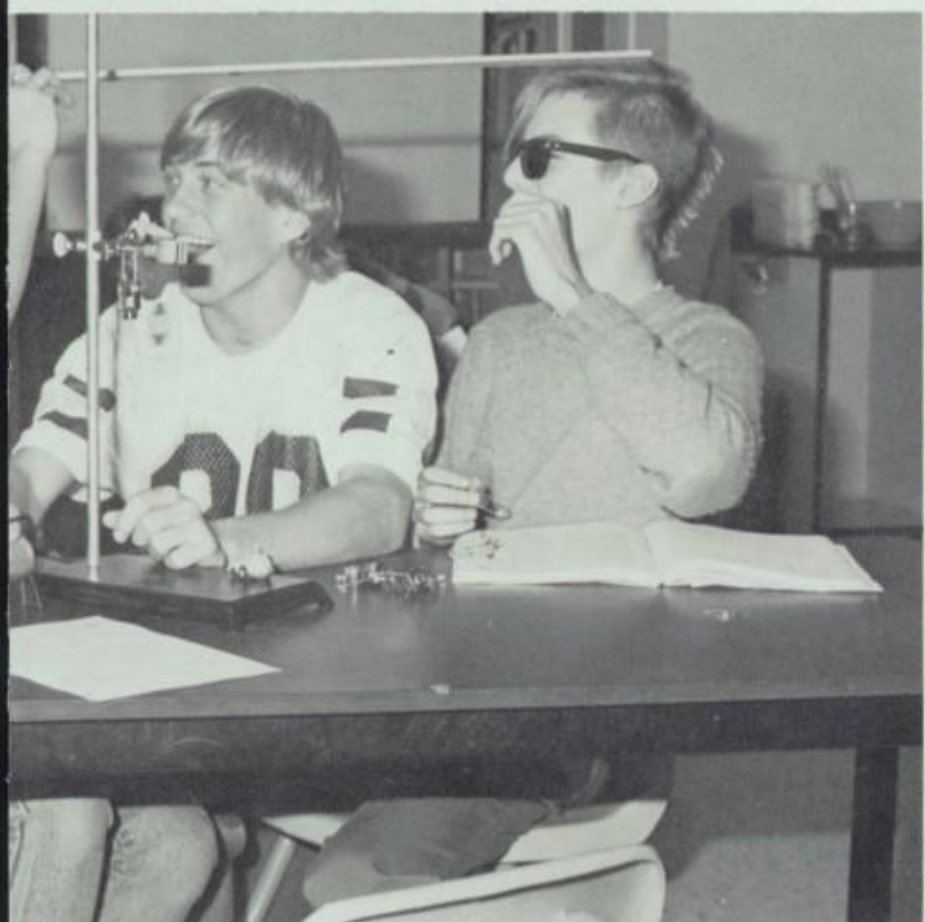




Doug Mathers works carefully while little creatures watch in the background.

Nestegard's class looks like they are really enthused to be here.

Lisa Schatz sees how she measures up to Steve Cloherty and Greg Jenson.



HAS HARRY STUDER CHANGED HIS IMAGE

Mr. Harry Studer, a well-liked teacher who last year was affectionately known as "the Stude Dude", has not changed his image, contrary to popular belief. But the stark white, scientist-type overcoats he's been wearing ("because they are practical") have led many people to wonder.

One of Studer's main activities this summer was attending the University of Washington on a fellowship grant, where he acquired the jackets at a "discount price."

Also acquired this summer were two new "assistants." Ms. Debbie Mustach and Ms. Dean were hired on Studer's recommendation to work in the science lab, taking the places of

Mr. Moody, Mr. Herren, and Mr. Emery. Mr. Studer says that they are "working out well" and that "we have a very good start this year."

Not only is Studer a master teacher of honors Chemistry, physics, and Calculus, but he's very involved with the school's extra-curricular activities. He volunteers his services to help collect tickets at football games, and he's also active with the soccer program.

All in all, Studer is the same jovial fellow that he has been, even in his "Dr. Frankenstein" jackets. And he's happier than Mel Brooks about his new supporting cast.

by Ken Cook

MUSTACHICH'S 'INSANITY'

A moment of insanity" was, so she says, Ms. Debbie Mustachich's reason for deciding to teach.

She is one of our new science teachers. Mustachich enjoys working with people, and she loves science. Teaching lets her do both.

The main problems that she sees as part of the "insanity" in education are that most students do not appreciate what the teachers are trying to do, & that the classes are too large.

Making students more aware of the world they live in is Mustachich's main goal in teaching.

Her schooling to become a teacher included three years to get her BA at Central Washington University. She earned her teaching certificate at University of Puget Sound.

At Decatur she teaches chemistry, biology, and general math. She is also a sophomore adviser. Her favorite activities are skiing (both), hiking, aerobics, rock and roll, her two German Shepherds and her Siamese cat. She wants students to remember her for being fair, for having a sense of humor, and for occasionally being funny.

by Joe Long

Alec Chong and Chong Kim really get involved with their work.

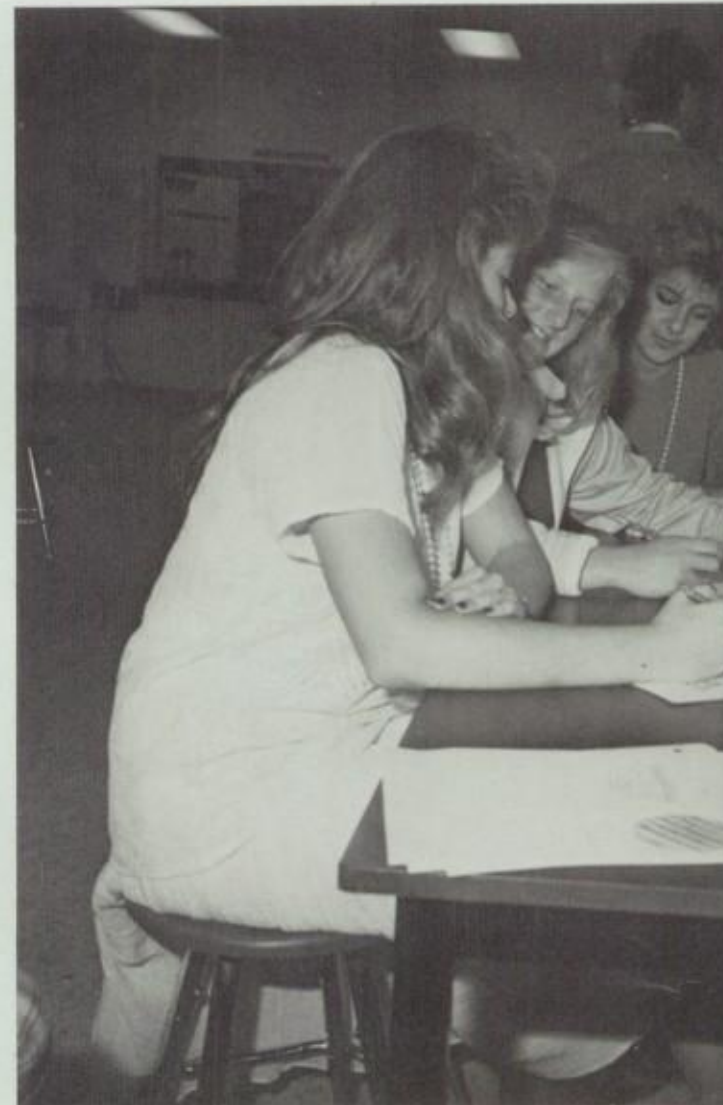


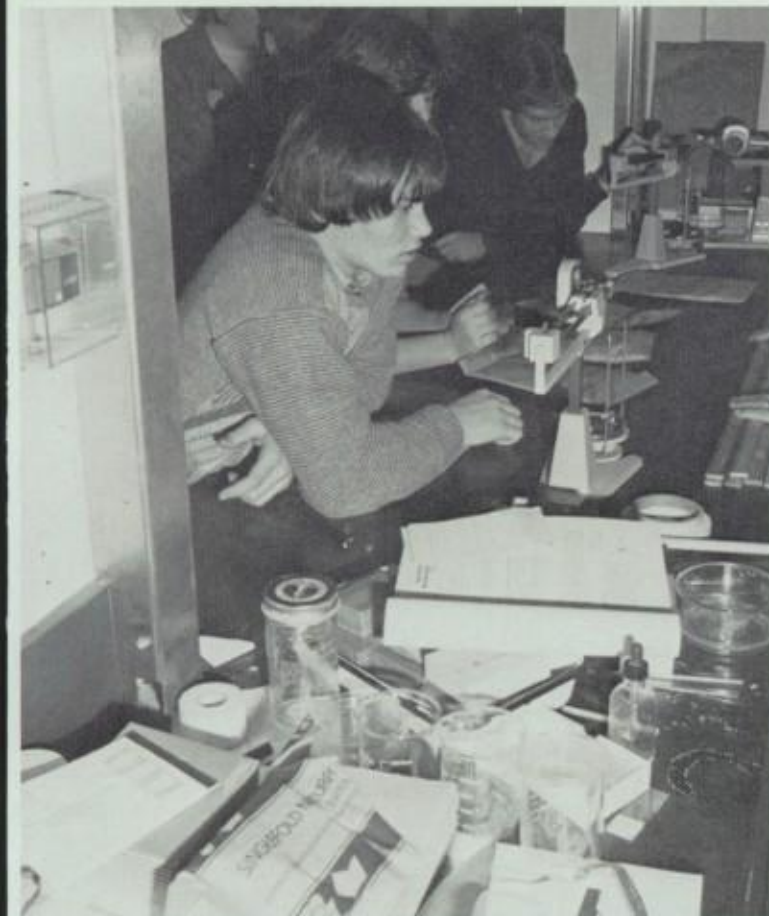
Christy Myers and Bridget Ambrose chum-up to Biology geniuses Brian Kaiser and Geoff Wallis.

Ann Fosage and Beth Shank compare answers, while Alicia Miller watches.

Bruce Leach shows us one of his famous facial expressions.

Rozmeen Sayani, shocked at her discovery, sits speechless and Julie Pearson works away.





Bob Smphers pays careful attention to the confusing instructions.



Mr. Nestegard tries for the third time to explain the lesson.



Robert Witter, Denise Moen, and Bill Pooley pretend they know what they're doing.



Molly Whitehead smiles as she finds out she got the right answer.



THE EXCITING WORLD OF MATHEMATICS

Do you remember from Geometry that vertical angles are equal? That corresponding angles are equal? That if corresponding angles are equal, then parallel lines are equal?

Well if you haven't already learned these then you most likely will. And if you have already then you probably forgot. Perhaps you

might remember Mrs. Kendal and how she always gave study sheets before a test. What a life saver! Remember when Mr. Anderson drew the funniest picture on the overhead from a story problem! Or maybe you had one of the Bakers and would have to stay at the chalkboard until you completed the problem. Or how nice Nes-

tegard changes the subject when you finally understand?

Some people think math is "intellectual", "a challenge", and "will help them through life." Which just goes to show that mathematics can be very rewarding and challenging.

by Cathy Richter

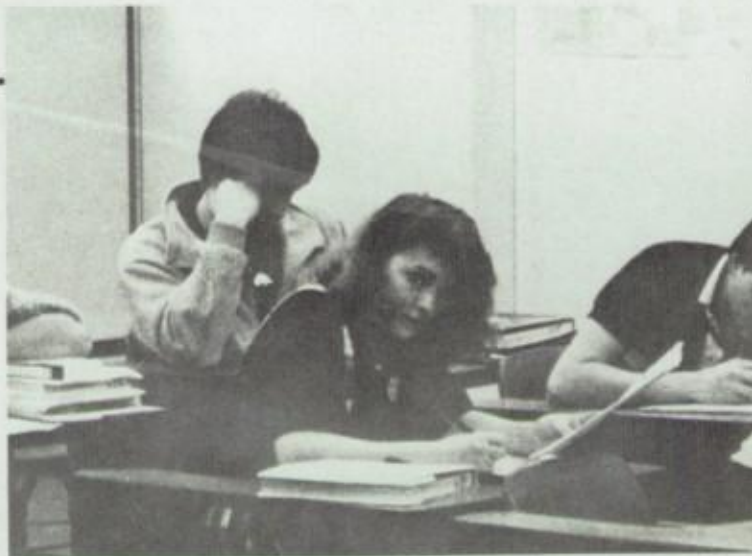
Lisa Comstock and Mark McGraw sit through another exciting day in History.

DO YOU REMEMBER

Do you remember your Social Studies Class?
Are you relieved it's a thing of the past?
Economics were such a pain
Checking our stocks to see if you lost or gained.
Current World Problems was a pain too
Learning about what a nuclear war would do
Remember all the studying for Mr. Forest's quiz down.
Five winners with smiles, the rest with frowns.
How about throwing a football with a spin?
As soon as you dropped it, the Psychology test would begin.
The honors history class were rough.
But to do well on the AP test-you had to be tough.
You cannot forget your Social Studies Class.

Let me help you bring those memories back.
Maps of the world and Time Magazines
How did we ever survive all those things?
Wars, events and Constitutional Ammendments
Elections, presidents, and the Declaration of Independence.
New Articles, stocks and similation games
Watching videos and films again and again.
Evolution, Greeks, discoverers and Pilgrims
Democratic governments and of course Communism.
Behavior, population and archeology
Studying and studying until you were green.

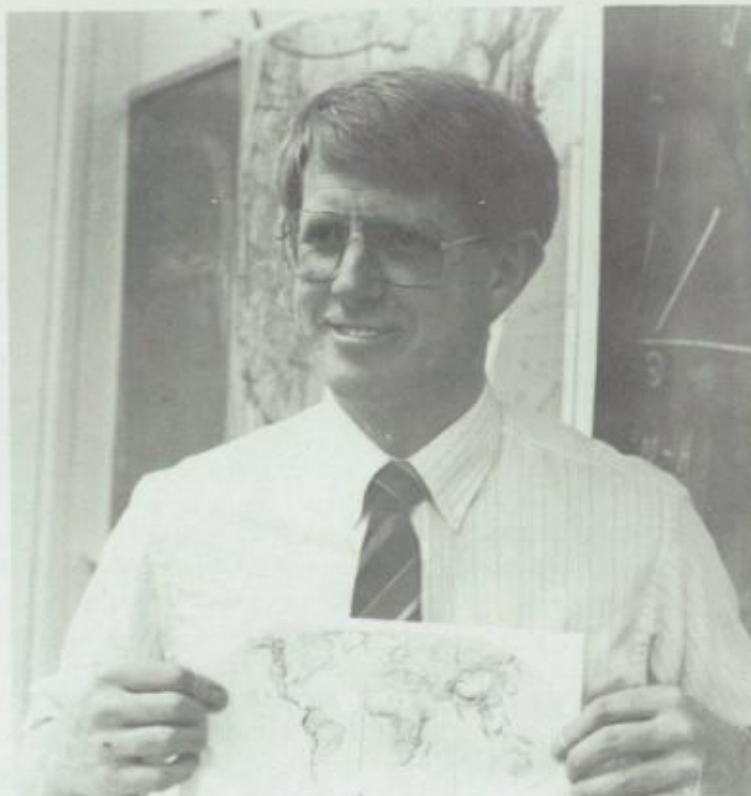
How could you forget your Social Studies Class?



Dana Marks takes time out from her history studies to look at the camera.

Mr. Bucholtz's class listens intently while he talks about current world problems.

Susan Hope tries to stay awake during an early morning history class.



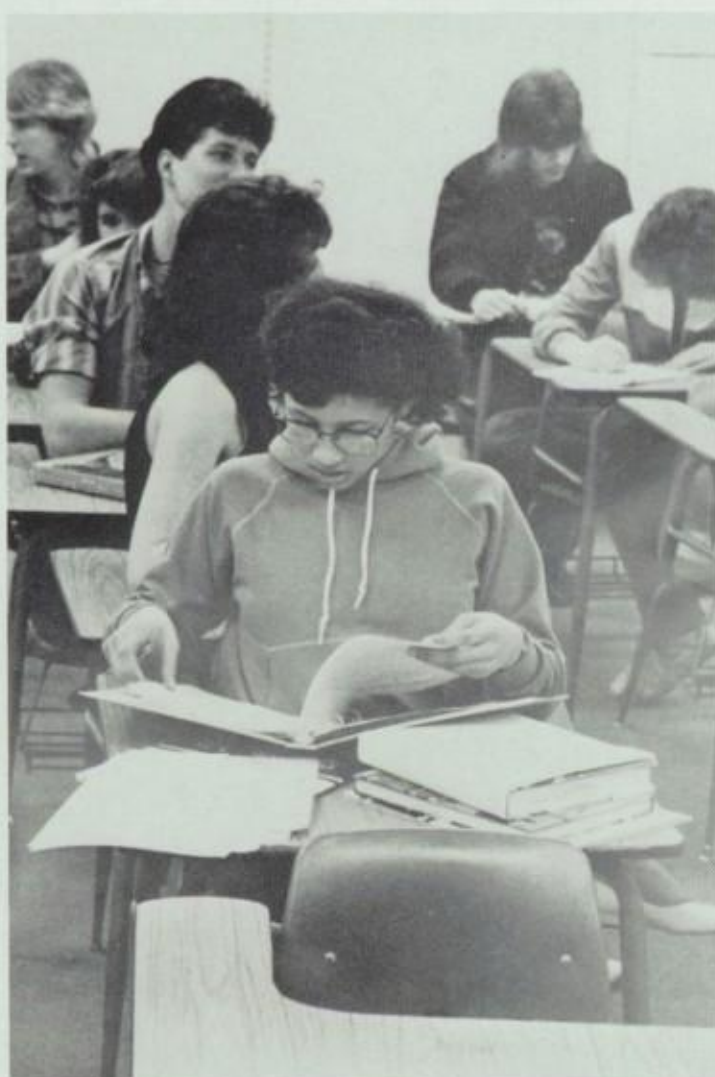
Mr. Bucholtz shows a smile of knowledge as he shows his class a location on the map.

"I used to live right there!!!"



While sitting in class, this studious pupil wonders when the war of 1812 was?!

Mary Thomas flips her notes to try to find yesterdays assignment. When finally she concludes that her dog ate it.



HISTORY BEING MADE

Social Studies. It was a class that when most of us heard it we said "UG!" But if we really think about it again a lot of good memories appear. Who could forget Mr. Garner's famous worm farm? Or perhaps it's just all the tales that each teacher had which related to the historical events. But there are also those days when we forget about the big chapter test. Cramming five minutes before the test and bluffing your way through the questions was something all of us have experienced at one time or another.

There were serious times, though like when the shuttle exploded. We actually watched history being made. Maybe one day we'll be the

ones telling the stories we heard in class or telling about personal experiences with historical events, just like the teachers did when the shuttle exploded. They compared their feeling and thoughts they had then with the feelings and thoughts they had when Kennedy was assassinated. Maybe someday we'll have the chance to compare something that may happen in the future with something else that happened in our lifetime. It's experiences like there that always make history better and easier to learn. All the stories get passed down through generations and help students understand the world and society better.



Roger Hall contemplates whether he will EVER get his assignment in!

LOVE OF ART

It takes something to be an artist, a gift for art, a yearning from the heart filled with feelings and fantasies. The joy of art is expressed vividly among the art students. Tim Trendall quotes, "Art is a class where I can express myself in a visual way." The atmosphere of the class is also unforgettable. As you enter the art room, the lingering aroma of paint thinner and the sounds of screeching easels across the cement floor is always welcoming you. The typical remarks heard everyday in class are the laughter and the chatter-

ings of students, Mrs. Olsson-HELP ME! It doesn't look right, Diddy, Diddy, Pick, Pick, Have you seen my keys?—Clean Up!

Art takes a special hand inside of you that grasps ideas, and a soul which transforms those ideas into pictures.

Mrs. Olsson, so energetic and spirited quotes, "I like to teach art classes because things are always changing and there is such a diversity of personalities."

Chong Yoon

We all love commercial art.



Jimmy Halma watches Joe Nelson mold his dream girl.

Shelly Palmer proves that you're never too old to waterpaint.



Debora Larry and Tom Davisson practice glueing wood together.

Ryan Carter prepares to build a house.



"Pride in my work" Varooming

Ah . . . a sigh of relief is heard as I threw my French book into the locker. Now off to the art room. A time to relax, let all of the bounteous thoughts roll onto paper. A time to take pride in my work. All of the hours spent drawing and redrawing are worth it. They roll by so quickly, and then I'm done, the final project. I step back to look at it, "yes, yes . . . It's wonderful," I mutter to myself. These are the rewards I've received from art. The always changing atmosphere. It's fast pace and crazy at times but I love it!

Michelle Savage

I know Decatur's Autoshop clanking, banging, varooming, skidding, screeching, powing, banging, and the people talking

I know Decatur's Autoshop the fieldtrips to Bates Voc. Tech. rebuilding motors and helping other people with their cars

I know Decatur's Autoshop the grease, the oil, the melting rubber and the smells of car and diesel exhaust.

Roger Hales



Sandra Bishop dabbles in the art of painting.

Autoshop 1 learns to work the transmission jack.



Mechanics of the future on the loose in Decatur's autoshop.



Matt Davis is showing his classmates how to draw a 3 dimensional basketball shooting through glass.



Cara Biden is up to her elbows in car troubles.



Danny Sutton helps Tracy Sparks steady some weights, during weight training.

With many arms and moods, Mark contemplates why he is taking PE this year.



An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure

"Health is more than the absence of illness. It is a state of physical, mental, and social well-being." Any senior who didn't pick up this message in Mrs. Giste's health class will probably be here next fall taking the course again. Health is one of those requirements that are bestowed upon us by the State of Washington. Without a health credit, a senior can't graduate, and that in itself can seem fatal! There are vaccines for almost all infectious diseases, and it's been said that the health of the American public has never been better, so why do we need to take health at Decatur? Because right now the greatest health hazard is the lifestyle of the average American, namely his diet and exercise. Student

need to develop help awareness in order to prevent illnesses from happening in the future.

Amaze your friends with this Healthy Trivia!

Do you know that:

- 1) Spaghetti, is now considered by nutritional experts to be a virtual health food?
- 2) You can't catch a cold or the flu at the North Pole in the winter because the germs can't survive?
- 3) Swimming can cause cavities, according to the Center for Disease Control?
- 4) If you smoke a pack of cigarettes a day, you inhale a half-cup of tar a year?
- 5) The average waiting time in a doctors office is 20 min-

utes?

- 6) In ancient China, doctors were paid only when their patients were kept well? Chinese doctors paid the patient if the patient lost its health. Now doesn't that seem like a good solution to the rising cost of medical care?

Who Says 'Honors' is for Brains?

Lookout Eggheads! There are now courses for brawny Rambo's as well as brainy Einstein's. Yes, of course we're referring to the new Honor's P.E. course offered this year at Decatur. Honor's P.E. is for highly motivated individuals. It's super beneficial due to the fact that there are good students at Decatur," quotes Mr. Sacks.

The program is structured with total fitness in mind. Some activities include aerobics, weightlifting, and a towel exercise to improve agility. It also concentrates on mental preparation in the mind and positive self imagery. When asked if anything unusual or interesting has happened this year, Mr. Sacks comments on the time when Michelle Rawlins fell over backwards with 205 lbs. on her back. He goes on to say that he enjoys teaching P.E. immensely, that at this school there are high achievers-over achievers in fact, which is important, because, "it takes students to make things work."



I know the PE Department

I know the PE department:

People panting, grunts and groans
Legs are aching, lots of moans
Thuds of feet and smashes of balls
Sometimes racquets hit the walls
Sweaty smells are unbearably
'Cause of week-old clothes they're wearing

Hardwood floors all warped from rain

Running on them "What a Pain!"

I know the PE department:

Weight training to build your muscles

"Get in the room!" hustle, hustle
Pump some iron, lift that bar

Every day now, "You'll get far"

I know the PE department:

"Aerobics is fun, I have a blast"

"We work hard, it goes real fast"

Doing some sit-ups, moving your feet

All to the sound of a be-bop beat

Slimming your body to look fine

Late out of class, most the time

I know the PE department:

Suits blue and gold are also prevalent

Decatur spirit is quite prevalent

The PE department is fun indeed

A break in the day, we all need.

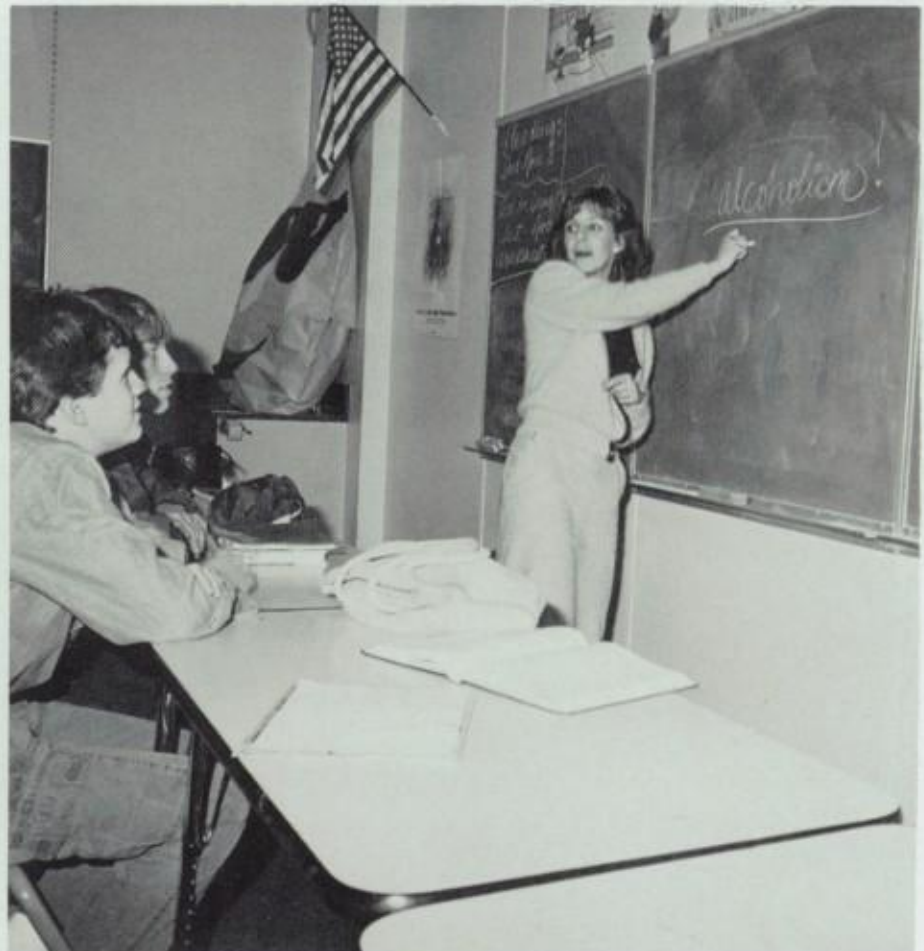
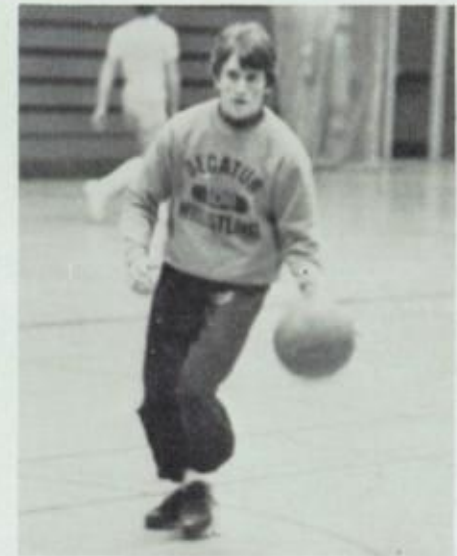
By Laura Gear



Matt Davis concentrates while he struggles to lift arm weights.

CJ Hope does CPR on recessitory Annie.

Brad Stutz tries to find a hoop to shoot the basketball during P.E.



Mark searches for a breath of fresh air during Health class.

Lisa Farro explains to Health class the effects of alcoholism.

GATORS MAKE BEAUTIFUL MUSIC

I know the band program—
chords, pitches, notes, tones,
squeaks, clicks, bangs, booms,
crashes, rhythms, harmony.

I know the band program—
clarinets, flutes, saxophones,
french horns, trumpets, bari-
tones,
tubas, trombones, drums.

I know the band program—

chalkboards, cabinets, closets,
chairs, rugs, stands.

I know the band program—
black, gold, blue, orange,
silver, yellow, white,
musical colors.

I know the band program—
solo-ensemble contests, con-
certs,
fund-raisers, parties, contests,

tours, beneficial events, games,
assemblies, rallies.

I know the band program—
discipline, drive, dedication,
determination, ambition, loyal-
ty,
friendship, love, unity.

Yes, I know the band program at
Decatur.

by Liz Cole

Robert, Chuck, and Byron jam in the hallway during guitar class, proving that there's more to the music department than band and choir.



Symphonic Choir. Row 1: K. Gabler, L. Ortiz, M. Smith, K. Whiting, B. Linkfeller, J. Sloane, D. Cornell, T. Ramsey, M. Lindberg, L. Hall. Row 2: H. Wiek, J. Day, S. Hussey, J. Bang, J. Kim, J. Erikson, C. Griffith. Row 3: L. Hannan, D. Levitt, T. Dennis, R. Petersdorf, A. Kelley, R. Craig, T. Doll. Row 4: L. Kirk, V. Bowen, D. Leach, C. Nanavitch, T. Williams, L. Sanford.



It's been said that sometimes Mr. Manning sings when he conducts, but he sometimes sings the wrong words.



Symphonic Band. Row 1: E. Smits, J. Colwell, M. Bottorff, D. Kexel, J. Stowers, S. Till, J. Hernandez, A. Schmitt, T. Weymiller, A. Herold, J. Olesberg, J. Blue, P. Evans, D. Kuntz. Row 2: B. Carda, J. Smith, W. Chapman, C. Harrow, N. Geisler, M. Doll, B. Waller, K. Steincipher, D. Sutton, D. Chapman, C. Carda, M. Osborn, S. Schriebe, M. Gulbranson, J. Miller, V. Eckley, C. Pennington. Row 3: R. Craig, K. Bicknell, K. Chell. Row 4: J. Vraspir, N. Gim, S. Schmale, S. Finney, D. Donich, L. Ruelos, S. Carlson, L. Deighton, K. Graves, L. Cole, W. Bogle, T. Carlson.



"To me the one that makes swing choir what it is is the freedom you have. You get to use your own creativity and you make up the choreography."

-Debbie Leach.



"It's not like a regular class where you go in and study by yourself. You learn and accomplish things together."
-Desiree Donich



While trying to keep their eyes on both the music and the conductor, these trumpet players go through great pains to produce musical sounds.

MUSIC TO OUR EARS

There's a little corner of Decatur where the general student body rarely dares to go. As one ventures into this segment of the school, he notices graffiti on the walls, a stand or two scattered about, and old abandoned lunches in the practice rooms. All is anything but quiet, especially during third and fifth hour. It's none other than the music department, that fabulous wonder place where future entertainers prepare for the day when it's their turn to have the spotlight. These creative groupies devote their time and energy to learn all they can about music. When asked what made her musical group exceptional, Adrienne Kelly was quick to reply. "Decatur's choir is extra special because the people in it know what it takes to

Pure concentration. Decatur's swing choir has it, just ask anyone of these members.



make it good." Debbie Leach adds that "each member was hand picked," while Rachelle Craig claims that "this choir is more special than any other because it's my school's choir and I'm a part of it."

Many people may believe that choir or band is just an easy "A", but Desiree Donich can testify that that isn't the case. "Decatur Band strives for perfection. It worries about the first note, the last note, and every single note in between." Everyone depends on you to know your part. Case in point: you can't get an "A" on good looks alone, especially with 12 major scales due at the end of the term!

In conclusion, Mark Davis summarizes what music is all about. "Music is an art. It takes each part to make up the whole, without one part you wouldn't have exactly what it takes. It also takes time and commitment. You can't be a perfect singer in just one day, it takes, time.

Jon is most likely to agree that it takes a good pair of lungs to play a tuba.



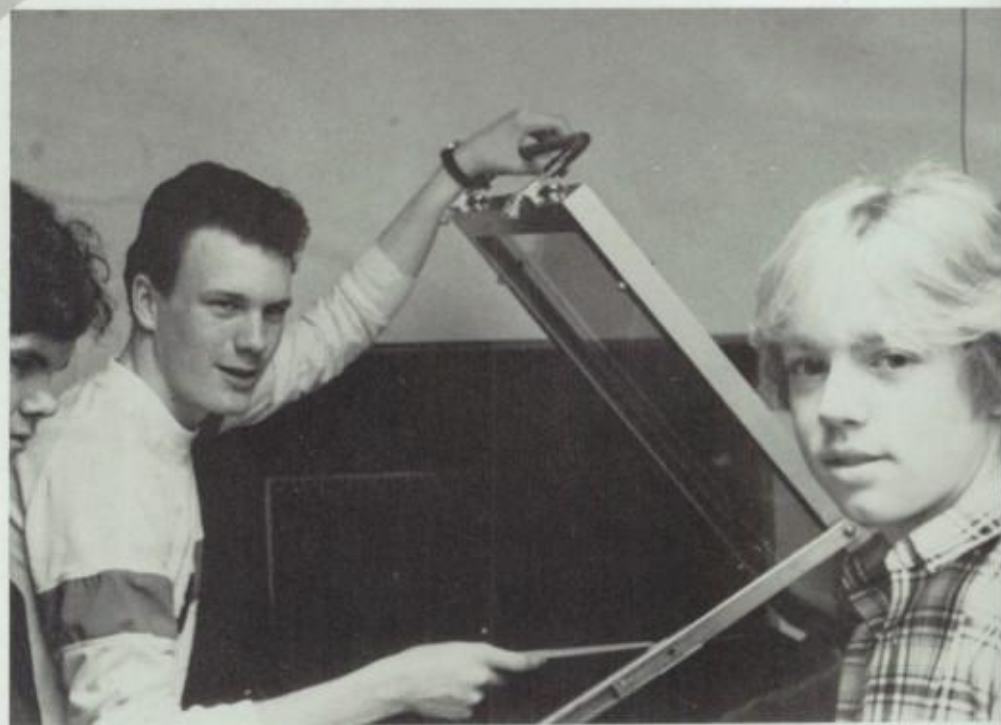
These choir members look a little fatigued as they practice their songs for the hundredth time. Anyone of them could tell you how hard it is to prepare for a concert.

Cooking up good times

Home-Ec is a class that people say is an easy "A". I've taken it for three years now and I disagree. First there's the choice of which Home-Ec class to take. What's Cooking is a favorite because you get to eat what you make. Next there's Child Development which sounds really boring, but it's not because it teaches you skills you never knew you had, how to raise a family, discipline, working

with children, birth defect, and much more. Last there is Living Skills which is sort of a mixture of them all, some cooking, learning about family life, and even some sewing. Many of the projects are depressing but they teach about the realities that come after high school. We learn to make important decisions and how to handle changes in our lives.

Afton Smith



Just pretend that we're not taking this apart.

Shannon Steele does her imitation of Julia Childs.

Tanya Jenson and Charlie McKenzie stir up some fun.





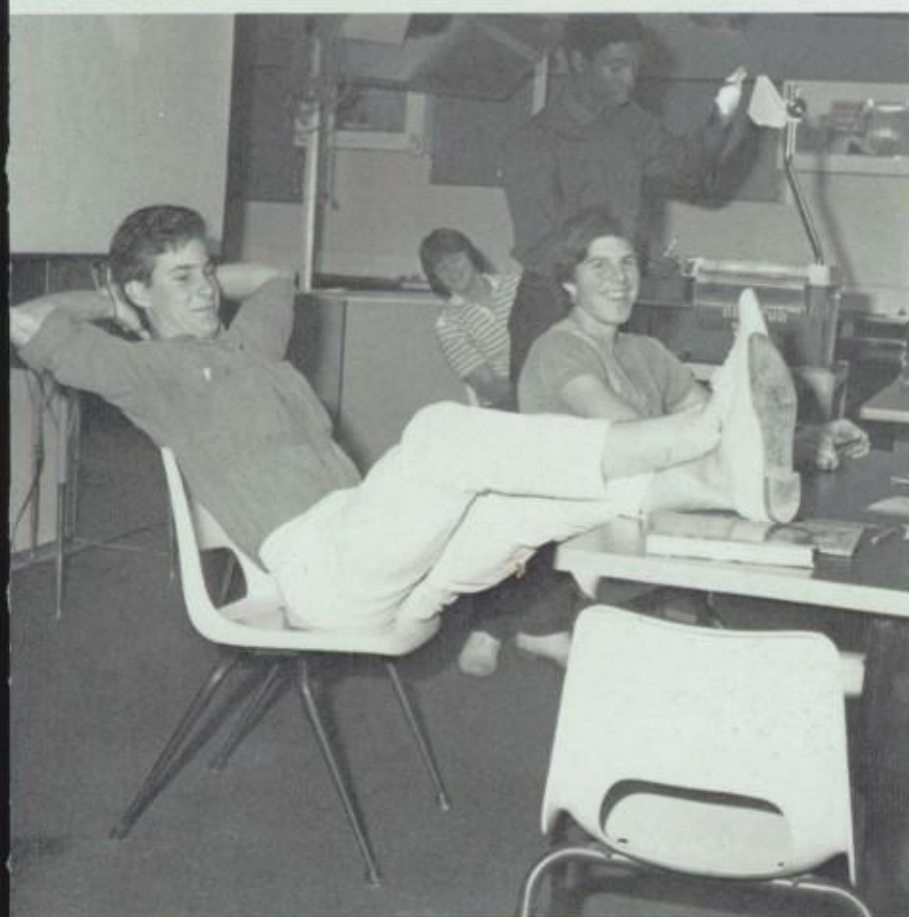
Upbringing of a Gator

Take one raw Sophomore,
add well packed halls,
Fold into a Junior,
and stir in some fun.
Blend until a smooth Senior,
add a heap of pride.
yield: 1 Golden Gator

Open wide fer sure, like fer sure he's a valley guy.

Kathy, Tami, and Jeff work on creating a meal.

Jay Erickson live from O.S.C.



Ian Constable kicks back and waits for the water to boil.

O.S.C. THE CHOICE FOR YOUR FUTURE.

O.S.C. is a very good program to get into. It's a lot of work and some play. O.S.C. offers a lot of choices for one's career. Such as medical assisting, cashier training, and Dental assisting. Dental Assisting is what I am taking at the Occupational Skills Center. This is a very important class. Besides learning to assist the dentist you also learn a lot of book

work. Mrs. Neimer the Instructor is a very nice person who cares for her students. You're not just another face in a crowd of a number. Mrs. Niemer takes time to help you, personally and help you to understand. O.S.C. prepares you for the future and looks out for your best interests.

Sabrina Hoskins

Kelly Waldroop and Katrina Ahrens put their driving skills to the test.

DRIVER'S EDUCATION

The Big Step from Bike to behind the wheel

Driver's Education

I know a Driver's Education Class . . . talking out of turn, whispering, gum chewing, yawning, chalk screeching, reading the chapter aloud.

I know a Driver's Education Class . . . mouth to mouth resuscitation, chalk and erasers flying across the room, heads nodding off.

I know a Driver's Education Class . . . simulators clicking and rumbling, movie projectors spinning, movies burning, pencils tapping, seatbelts snapping.

I know a Driver's Education Class . . . brown carpet, walls covered with safety posters, green chalkboards, traffic safety books.

I know a Driver's Education Class . . . "Don't drive drunk!" "Don't forget to buckle up!" "Simulator test today." "Do we get to watch a movie today?" "Sit down! You still have 23 seconds left of class!"

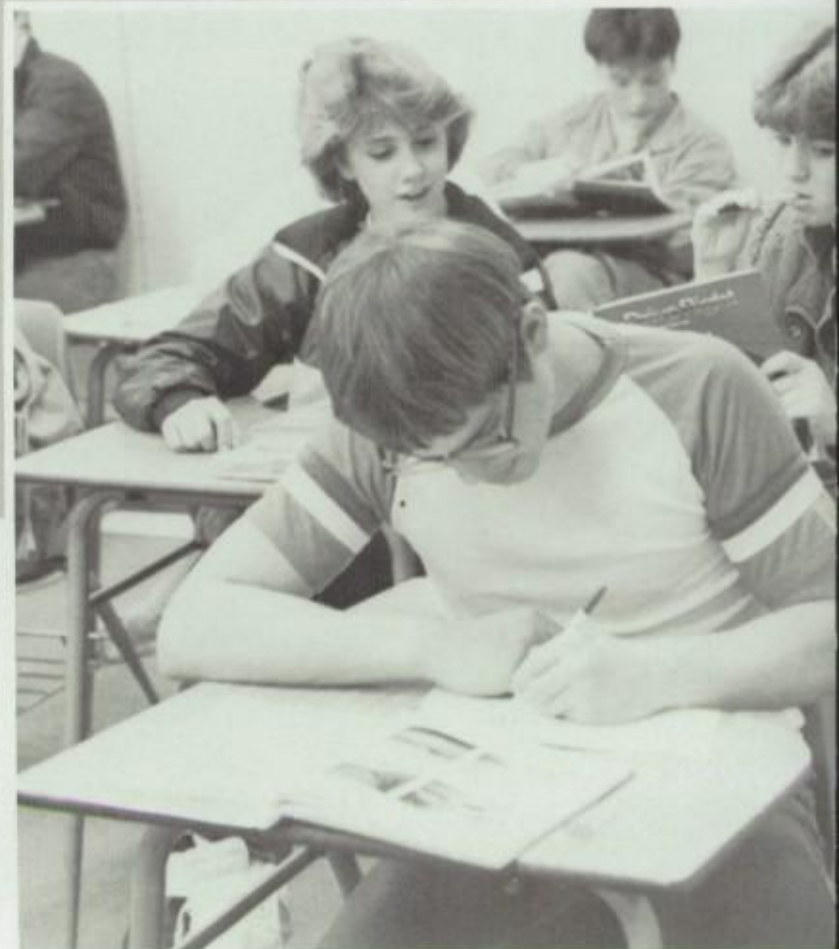
I know a Driver's Education class.

By Pam Bowen



Luke Wingard just realized the thrill of hitting a stop sign.

Tom Levack knows that now he must look both ways before turning the wheel.



Steve Hussey shows his control behind the wheel.



Decatur DECA students listen intently to the guest speaker.



Mr. Garder stands proud in front of his film projector.



Khrys Gabler and Danella Sutton "take five" from the Red Lion DECA Conference.



Angela Piece, Vice President of DECA, charms the camera with her sweet smile.

DEFINITELY DECA

Walking into a DECA classroom you may see all the colors, brown, yellow, dingy white, orange, and green. The walls are covered with posters of written sayings, a chart with everyone's DECA points and a display of awards that have been won. Although the room's interior may not be exciting, many feel the course definitely is.

Chris Cho quotes, "I can not say enough good things about our DECA chapter is one of the most outstanding in the state. It is the most useful class that a student can take in school because it

prepares you for a business related future."

Mr. Stoltenberg, "Teaching DECA classes is a lot of fun and we make alot of money for DECA activities. The kids in DECA classes get to do different things that they don't usually get to experience. I feel this creates highly motivated students."

Wendy Cavanaugh, "It gets me involved in projects and I meet all sorts of interesting people."

By Samantha Davenport

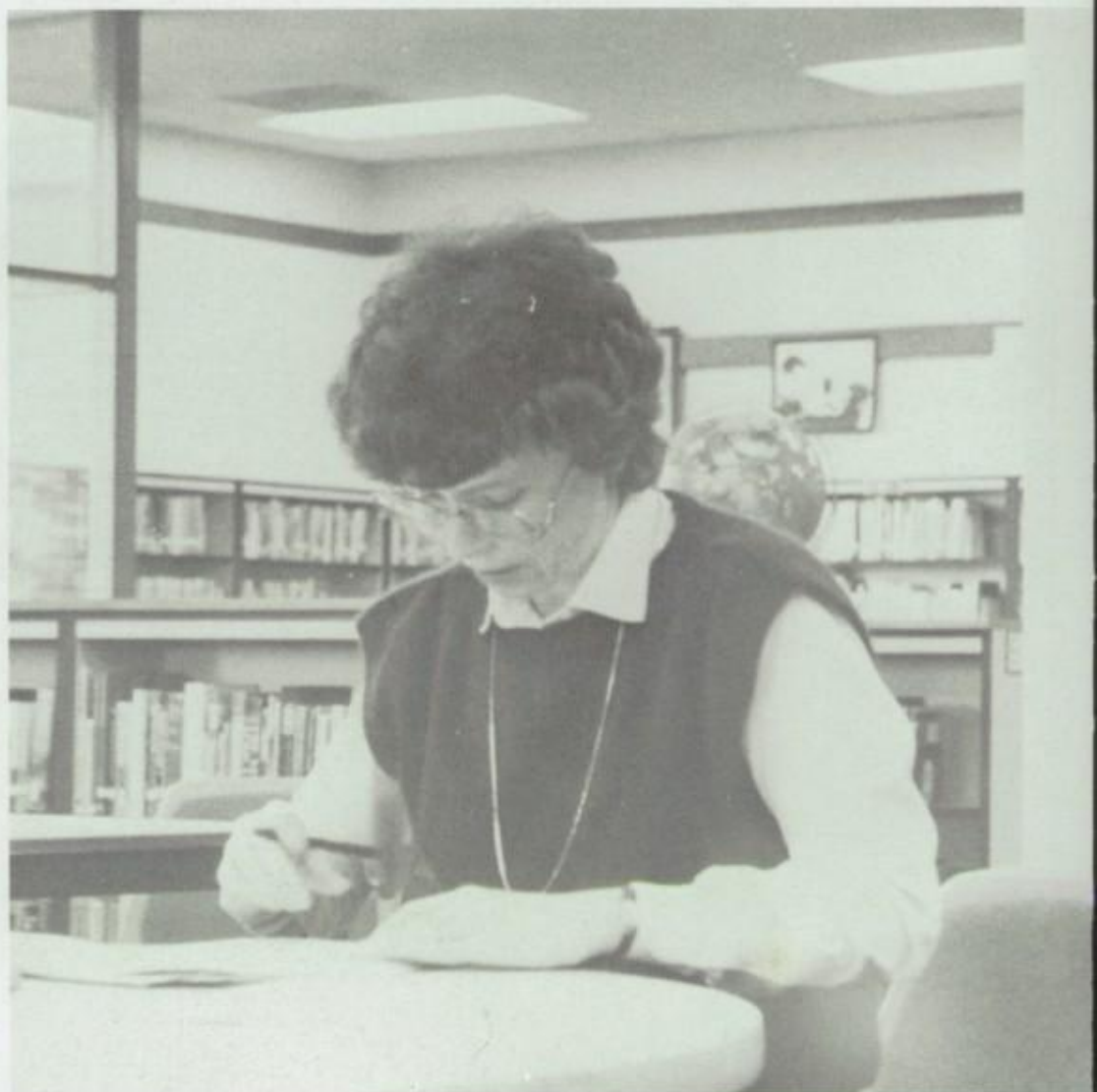


Linda Flannery, Samantha Davenport, and Rhonda Lenberg show their DECA support.

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE



Mr. Hammamoto is an excellent photography instructor.



Ms. Jones works with the Decatur computer systems.

Ms. Dean, Mr. Studer, and Ms. Mustacich make science fun.

Ms. Smith puts a great deal of effort into her lesson plans.

Ms. Erickson is caught unaware.





Ms. Mustacich tries to explain to her class the biology basics.

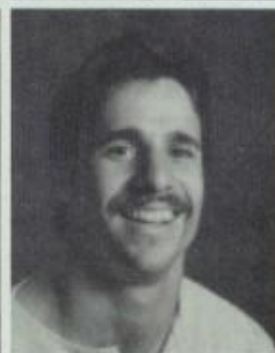
Ms. Sears looks through the material she has prepared for the class.



Ms. R. Aki
Mr. J. Anderson



Mr. L. Anderson
Mr. G. Baker



Ms. J. Baker
Mr. L. Baker



Ms. J. Barden
Ms. V. Biorn



Ms. K. Blocki
Mr. C. Bucholz



Ms. J. Carda
Ms. R. Carter



Mr. M. Caviezel
Ms. M. Crighton

THE GREAT EXPLORER

A great explorer? You decide. Ms. Shelly Hosford, a new teacher at Decatur, has been to Europe five times, been on a safari in Kenya, visited Russia, Mexico, Dahomey, a country in West Africa. If that doesn't convince you, she taught for two years at The American International School in Lagos, Nigeria. There she taught mostly embassy and oil workers' children, from 32 different countries. In accordance with her love for travel, next summer she and a few other teachers are taking a group of students to tour England and France.

Hosford hopes to be remembered for promoting self-confidence, good study habits, a good atmosphere inside the classroom, and creativity, along with having a sense of humor and being fair and open minded. The personal problems she has encountered as a teacher are a low salary, a large amount of homework, and the fact that preparing can be tiring. Besides her love for travel she enjoys spectator sports, a cabin on Whidbey Island, her two children and her dog.



Mr. J. Curtright
Ms. M. Dean



Mr. R. Dennison
Ms. B. Didis



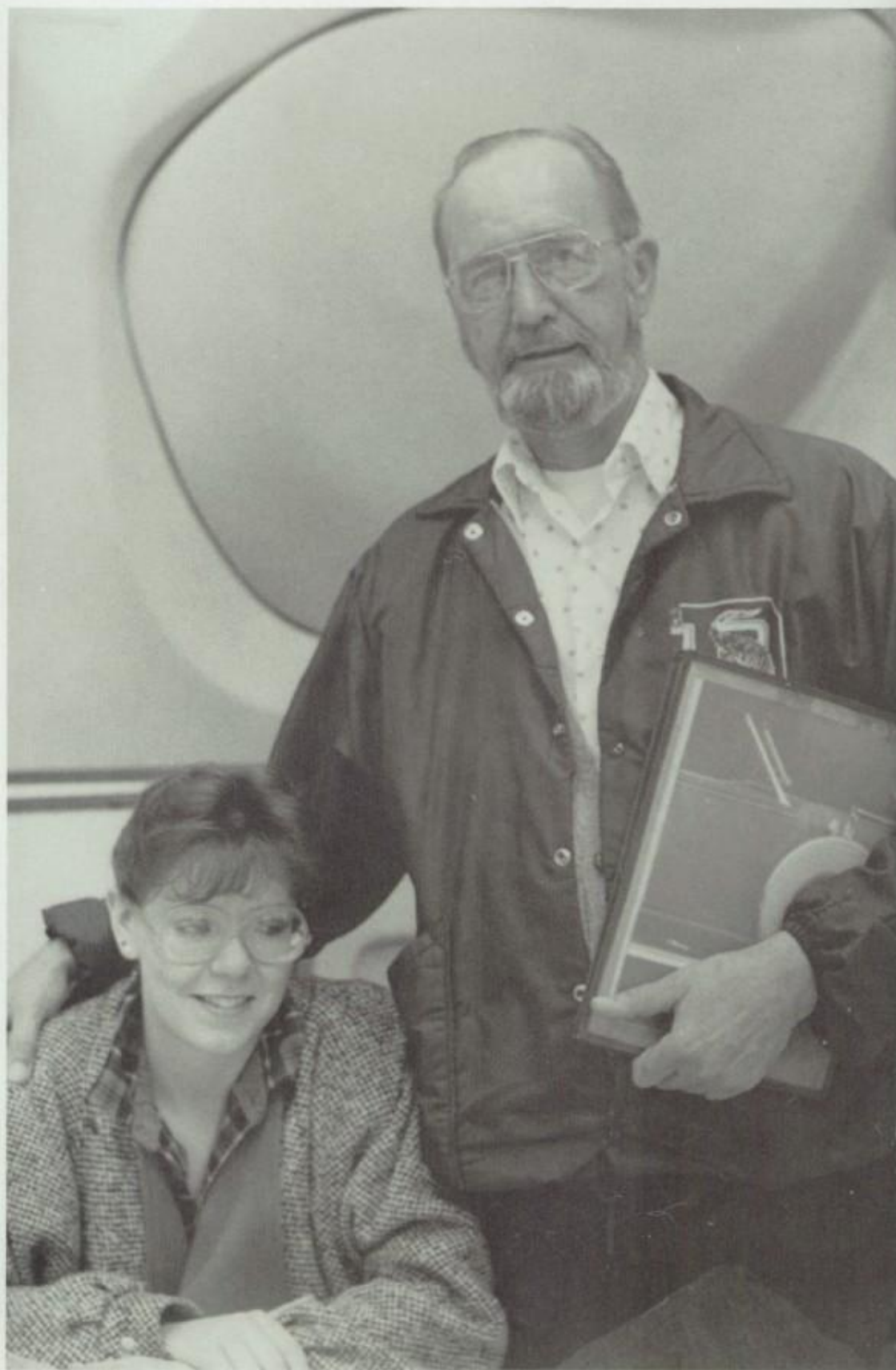
Ms. P. Dillon
Ms. B. Erickson



Mr. T. Farris
Ms. J. Fay



Mr. G. Flynn
Mr. K. Forrest



Mr. Haas and Stephanie Ellworth are proof that the students and teachers can be friends.

The staff members, Ms. Renrick, Mr. Curtright, and Ms. Crighton are a close-knit bunch.

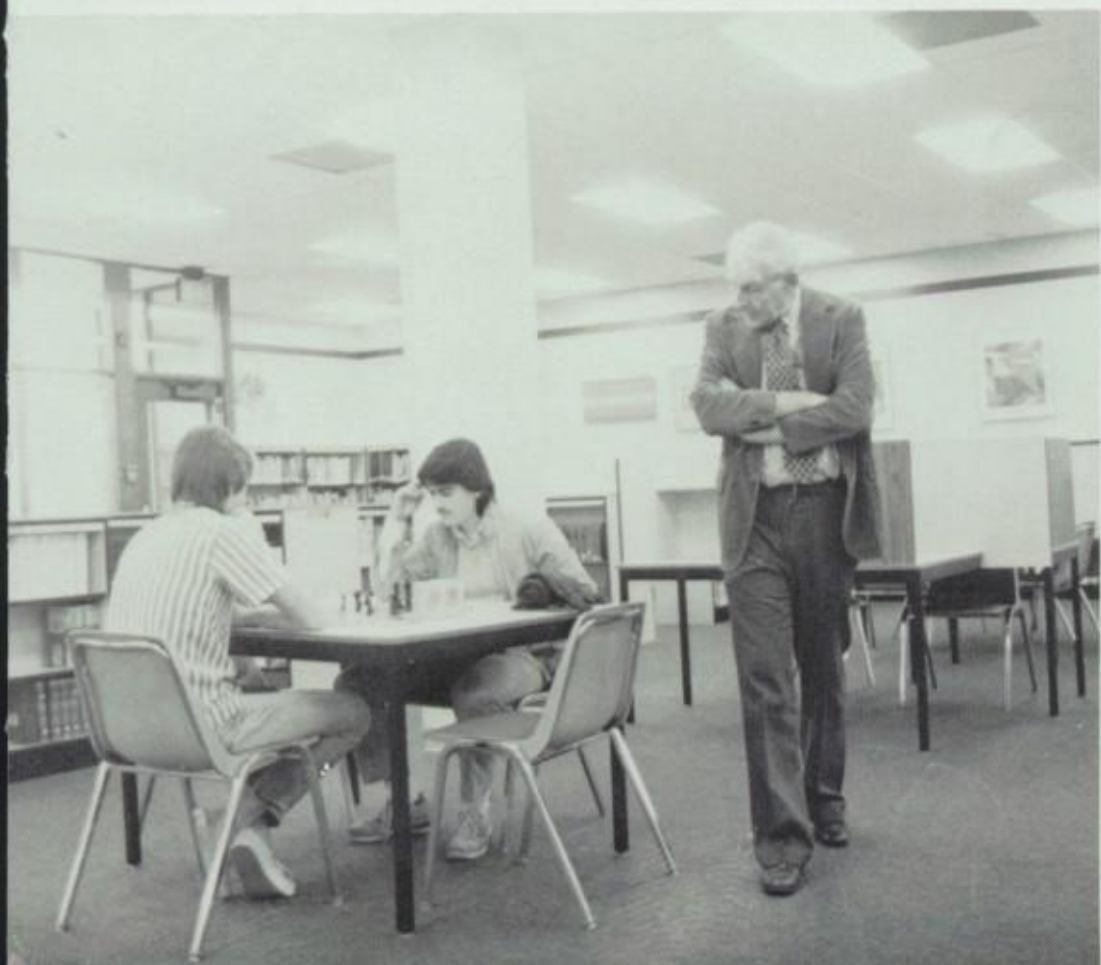
Mr. Metcalf referees a chess match between two members of chess club.



Ms. Pennington conducts the Decatur band through a difficult number.



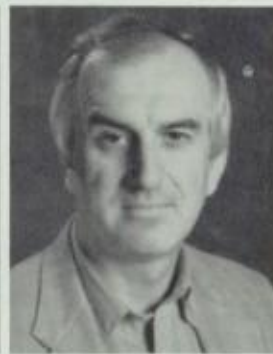
Ms. Hosford takes a rest after her many travels.



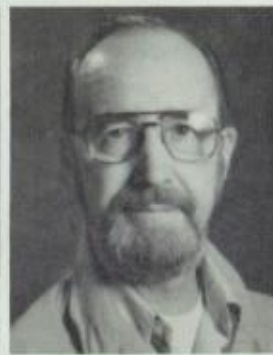
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Ms. D. Gervais



Ms. S. Giste
Ms. J. Glenn



Ms. N. Gordon
Mr. B. Grant



Ms. J. Greene
Mr. J. Haas



Mr. R. Hamamoto
Mr. R. Hiser



Ms. S. Hosford
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Ms. S. Kendall
Ms. J. Klingman

Mr. K. Koehn
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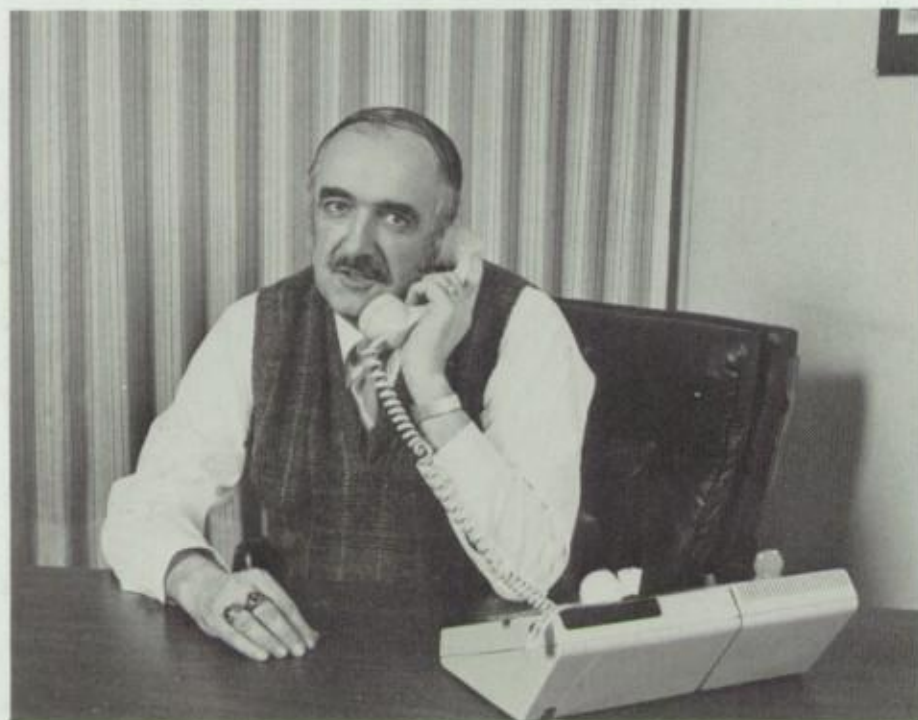
Ms. D. Leaverton
Mr. M. McDonald

Ms. P. Lejens
Mr. C. Marquez

Ms. J. Lisher
Mr. J. Metcalf

Mr. D. Manning
Mr. A. Mungin

Ms. J. McMullen
Ms. D. Mustacich



ESC 121

The Who and the What at the Top

The main hub of the Federal Way School system is a place called ESC 121. The name falls short of telling a complete story of the multitude of services and programs that take place in that one building. Dr. Milton Snyder, superintendent for the past five years, has guided the district to flawless levy passages and is now working to see the entire district facilities upgraded and remodeled. Working closely with Dr. Snyder is assistant superintendent of secondary programs, Mr. Ted Gartner. While visiting our school, Mr. Gartner said, "I was impressed by the intelligence and intuitiveness of the student body leaders. They have a clear picture of the strengths of the school, and know what needs to be accomplished."

On behalf of Decatur and the school district at large, our thanks and support go out to these people for their tireless effort on our behalf.



Mr. Ted Gartner, assistant superintendent of secondary schools.

Dr. Milton Snyder, Superintendent.

The current school board consists of Mary Weis, William Miller, Nancy Robertson, John Hickman, Gail Pierson. Also pictured Marjorie DeMers.

Ms. McMullen's thoughts wander away from her lesson plans.

Mr. Forrest wishes he was the Drivers' Ed. teacher.

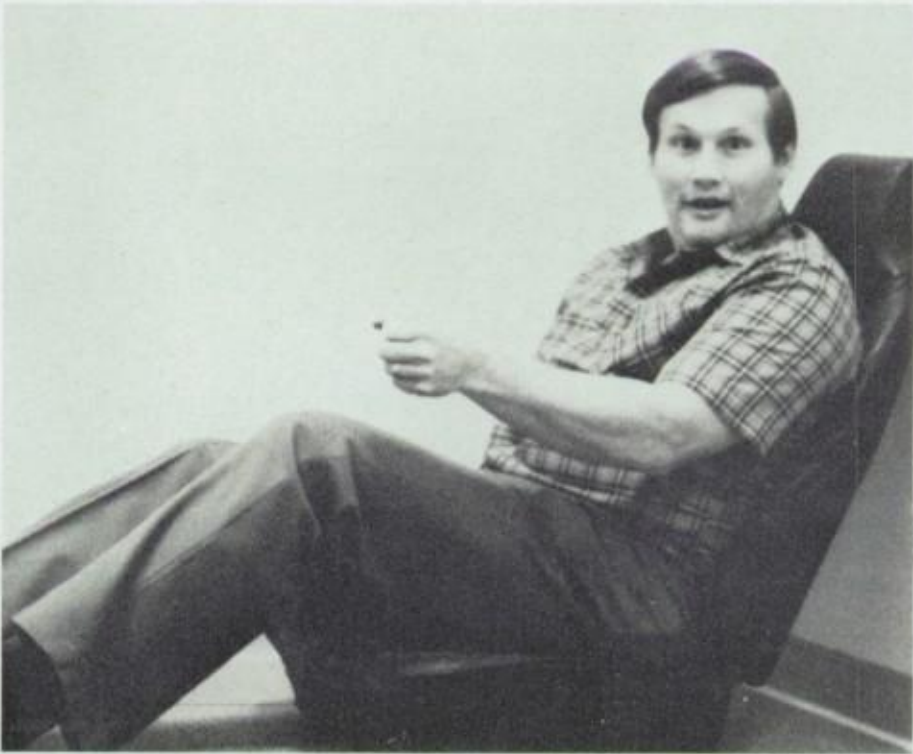


GLOBAL EDUCATION

The World of Now

As sophomores, we all are required to take World History. Some of us groan and some of us whine. But some look forward to it. For those who are extreme history buffs, a class has been invented for them. The Global Education program is a number of courses set up to better the students' awareness and understanding of the world, it's problems and different cultures. It's programmed like a regular history class, but goes further than that. "It's to broaden students' perspective of the world," says Mr. Bucholz, "Sometimes kids aren't too aware of what goes on in the world." The Global Education program is designed to do just that. It not only covers the history of the world, but also covers the world affairs that go on today.

Mr. Forrest believes the Global Education program will become the standard in the future. "It's toward classes that are more involving for the student. I think it's working very well."



Mr. G. Nestegard	Mr. M. Nilson	Ms. P. Olsson	Ms. E. Pauschert	Ms. B. Payne	Ms. C. Pennington	Ms. B. Peterson
Mr. R. Pressey	Dr. K. Purcell	Ms. C. Raphael	Ms. J. Reddaway	Ms. L. Reed	Ms. B. Renrick	Ms. A. Robertson

Mr. McDonald and Mr. Anderson carry uniforms to the gym.



Mr. Pressey displays his winning smile.



Mr. B. Sacks
Ms. A. Sampson



Ms. R. Sears
Ms. P. Smith



Mr. P. Stoltenberg
Mr. H. Studer



Mr. R. Ternes
Ms. D. Theiss



Ms. J. Ulrigg
Ms. R. Unger



Tastefully dressed, Ms. Renrick and Ms. Purcell
clown around.



Ms. Klingman searches through the files for stu-
dents with overdue books.



Ms. Reed explains the finer points of the French language.

Mr. Kumakura receives a carnation on Valentine's Day.



Ms. S. Vanhorne
Mr. J. Vondoren



Ms. S. Warner

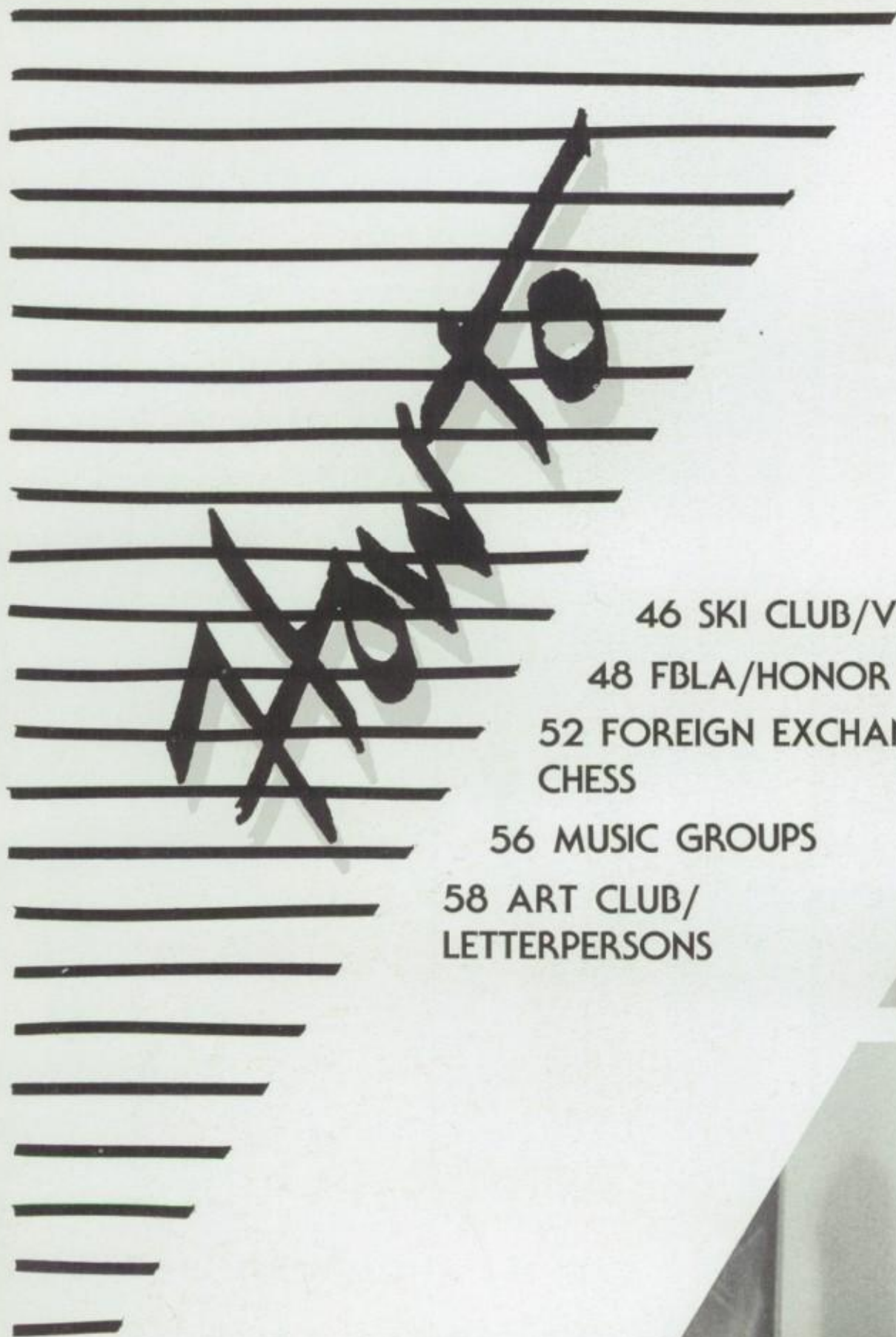
Mr. Splatend points out important locations on the world map.



OUR MR. THOMPSON

If any of you, while cruising the halls, have seen a new face in sight it may have been Mr. Rick Thompson. Mr. Thompson is a Junior English teacher at Decatur. He started on the first day of the second semester. Thompson's unique style of teaching and great sense of humor is what makes his classes fun. Thompson only has a temporary contract which lasts until the end of the year, but said he would like to teach at Decatur as long as the job is open to him. Thompson thinks the student body is a lively bunch with a lot of tardies. He also comments on the friendly faculty at Decatur and the nice area that we are located in. The only thing he doesn't like is the long drive from Bellevue everyday. Thompson says he would like to coach sports, such as softball. When asked what made him decide to become a teacher, he replied it was due to a "congenital defect" (an inherited family trait). He also stated that "it leaves ample time in the summer to study other ways of acquiring wealth. Thompson ended by stating that he looks forward to every day.

by Chris Merkt



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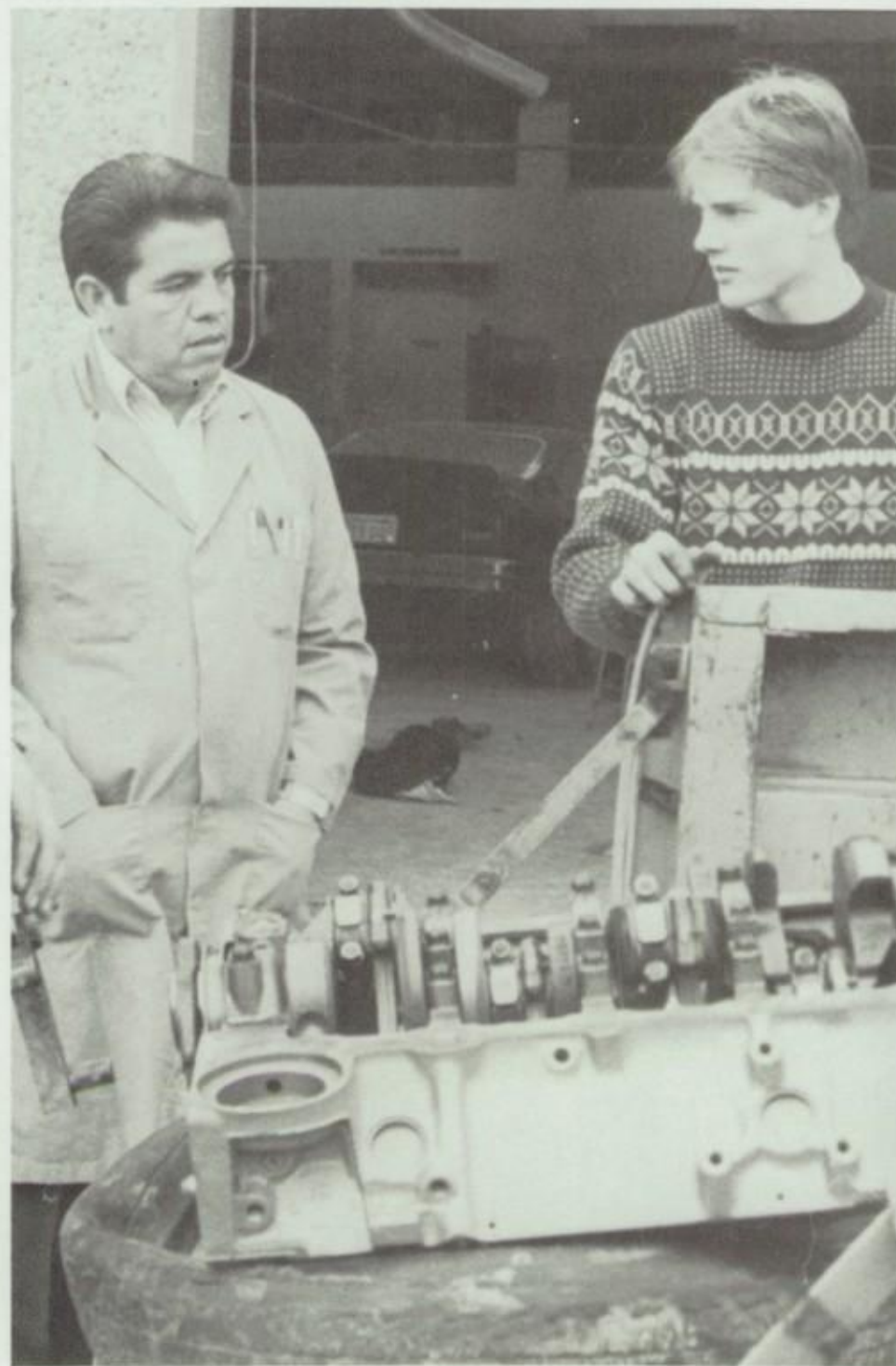


SKIING-AN EXPERIENCE IN ITSELF

The Ski Club had an exciting year this year! They took a trip up to Crystal Mountain over Christmas vacation for three days and two nights. When they returned everyone seemed to have had a great time for the comments heard. "I've never had so much fun," quotes Jackie Kepler. Mr. Baker says, "Chaperoning was an experience in itself but I loved it! The kids are great!" "It was a lot of fun," quotes Tami Ashby. "I love skiing, and being with all of my friends make it 100 times better!" Jeff Witter states, "I can't remember when I had so much fun!" The trip was great-the snow was too! There weren't any major disasters, a few fall, crashes, and jumps, but nothing to fret! The snow was great, the people were

great, it was a great trip!

Legislative Council: Vonnie Montgomery, Monica Stergion, Brad Walsberg, Robert Witter, John Brooks, Tim Simonson, Todd Bervave, Sarah Curtz, Sabrina Dawson, April Bloomfield, Kelly Zitzkovich, Karl Stenerson, Scott Hall, Cheryl Wagner, Debbie Leech, Tammy Weissman, Toby Weymiller, Ik Sung Chang, Julie Stenerson, Tyler Ashbridge, Sandy Schmale, Carmen Otte-llin, Tonia Doll, Rob Boyd, Trena Williams, Jenise French, Jana Southworth, Alec Chung, Jenn Horner, Dennis Moen, Kris Gabler, Chad Warren, Shannon Finney, Veravahn Phanitchov, Al Kim, Shawn Carda, Molly O'Donnell, Anne Isenmann, Julie Harper, Jani Hansen, Kris Nelson, Susan McColley, Julie Pearson, Rosie Bingham, John Day, Regina Echevarria, Suzanne Jewitt, Michelle Smith, Tom Glenn, Carolyne Polonsky, Ann Kim, Kathy Tucker, Beth Shank, Erin McGlophelin, Lehua Ortiz, Lisa Schatz.



Mr. Marques shows Jeff Carson the techniques of fixing a car.

Robert Witter heads for disaster while he flies off a jump at Crystal Mountain coming down Snorting Elk run.

Mr. Marques, Shawn Bergrund, Jason Andrews, Kenny McDonald, Brentley Williams, Tyler Mitchell, Glenn Dennis, Robert Loogan, Mark Tibbitts, Jeff Larson, John Hunsaker



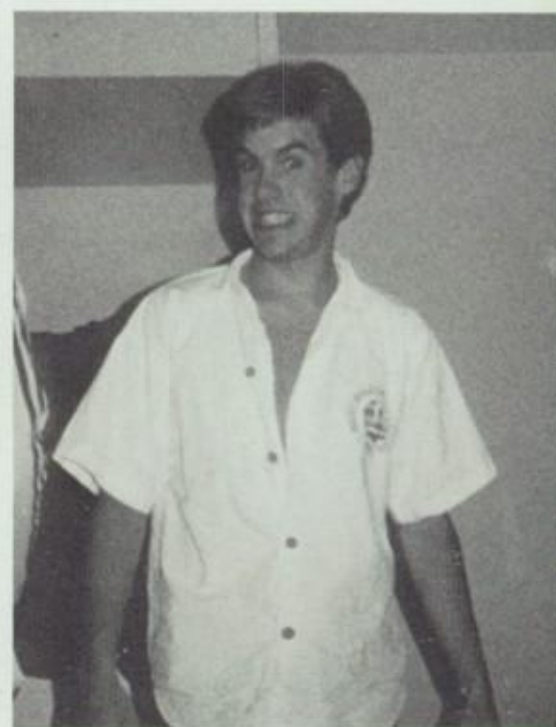


Mary Thomas, Heather Bradbury, Kelly Christianson, Mr. Khoen, Sabrina Dawson, Patrizia deCapitani, Robert Witter, Eric Anderson, Mark Hall, Mr. Baker, Shannon Finney, Kathy Graves, Kelly Zirkovich, Jenn Yegger, Tim Lawrence, Monica Bernhardt, Tami Ashby, Jana Southworth, Erin McClophelin, Kathy Tucker, Beth Shank, Mike Klinggartner, Kris Nelson, Brian Duvall, Brett Hatch, Toby Weymiller, Jackie Kepler, Jenise French, Ann Kim, Chris Cho, Julie Cook, Linda Halverson, Chris Herman, Bart Miller, Josh Puckett, Skye Fields, Kenny Anderson, Bill Pooley, Rob Booyd, Todd Berg, Randy Joyner, John Day, Chuck Lasseter, Scott Hall, Kari Stenerson.



Patrizia deCapitani and Tami Ashby get ready to "hit the slopes" on the great Decatur High School ski trip at Crystal Mountain.

John Harlow, Tim Stokley, Ty Geymar, Julie Andrews, Mark Geymar, and Clint Goodfellow show off their smiles while posing for a picture.



"Hurry, take the picture! I can't hold my face this way forever!" says Eric Anderson with the typical "Eric Anderson Grin".

DECATUR STUDENT GET INVOLVED

DECA FRONT ROW: J. Colwell, B. Lingenfelter, D. Huteson, K. Gladhill, T. Ramsey, A. Pierce, C. Merkt, J. Yost, J. Hunsaker, M. Larson, L. Comstock, M. Thomas, L. Wahlers, K. Maddux, P. Ladue, M. Kleingartner. SECOND ROW: M. Frank, J. Southworth, W. Cavanaugh, P. Bowen, L. Flannery, S. Davenport, H. Maglieto, C. Herman, T. Sparks, D. Travica, D. Burr, C. Beasley, T. Carlson, M. Tuche, H. Guffy, B. Pressey, E. Anderson, M. Hall. THIRD ROW: K. Farrell, M. Holfert, L. Prater, V. Dodson, R. Aley, L. Erickson, J. French, M. Millard, J. Lorenz, P. Stoltenberg. FOURTH ROW: M. Fournier, R. Whitney, J. Rider, K. Tomlinson, T. Holman, K. Haver, K. Voss, A. Horgan, D. Beagle, B. Weiss, M. Schulte, T. Giskin, D. Bacon, B. Barrows, C. Olson, L. Steincipher, T. Gabler, G. McClure, C. Schmidt, B. Sandoval, B. Hochover. BACK ROW: R. Bowdin, M. Sapuder, S. Fallon, B. Constable, R. Fiske, D. Cornell, E. Richards, W. Chapman, J. Drury, C. Fay, T. Volker, M. Dunlap, E. Starkey, S. Rakety, T. Sterling, N. Thomas, B. Hartness, T. Stanley, D. Johnson, E. Jeffcoat, D. Payne.



Stacy Staller, stars as cashier, at the Galley.



This has been one of the most active years for Knowledge Bowl, upper right. Every Tuesday this group met in Mr. Metcalf's room after school quizzing each other on trivia like questions, ranging from the capital of Missouri to who was the president of the United States in 1825? They have had many matches against other schools, and have done quite well.

Regina Echevarria, President of Honor Society, speaks out about some of the groups activities. From selling Gator rootbeer mugs, and collecting toys for needy children, to making breakfast for the faculty, this has been a year of progress. Each Honor Society member should not only be commended for their continual scholarship and leadership abilities, but also for their team work and enthusiasm that helped our NHS Chapter achieve our goals this year.

Honor Society Members: Row 1: B. Pooley, J. Pearson, T. Suchy, B. Shank, D. Richer, M. Borfritz, B. Link, D. Weis, T. Berg, R. Mohlman, J. Harper, T. Bernave. Row 2: J. Witter, D. Lyons, L. Taylor, M. O'Donnell, C. Hong, M. Thomas, J. Kepler, K. Nelson, K. Latta, B. Walsberg, J. Olesberg. Row 3: C. Yoon, J. French, C. Carda, D. Donich, L. Cabreza, L. Berinabis, C. Houser, H. Degraw, R. Echevarria, K. O'Brien, M. Kuver, M. Bosley, Mrs. Bjorn, Advisor. Row 4: J. So, J. Kang, L. Wang, K. Graves, A. Milner, S. Schmale, M. Stergion, J. Vraspir, J. Horner, B. Brooker, M. Werner, A. Pierce, C. Menghini, M. Sheridan, S. Rhen, L. Wahlers, D. Marks, S. Finney.



Knowledge Bowl members:
Adam Weissman, B. Waller, J.
Olesberg, K. Johnson, J. Blue, C.
Liu, advisor: Mr. Metcalf.

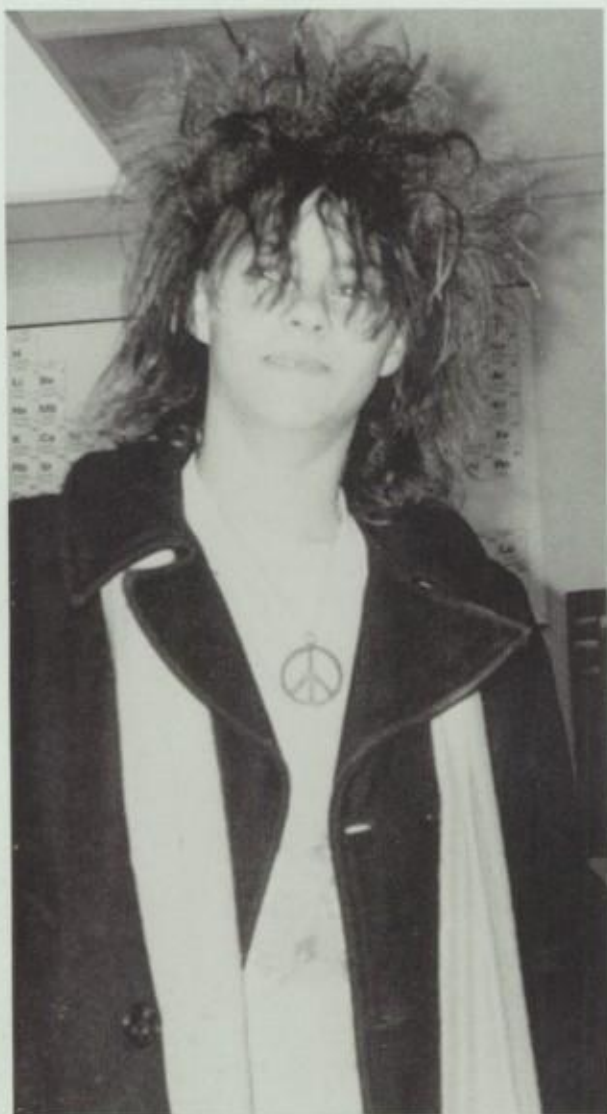
Competitive Speech Members:
Front row: M. Billings, C. Liu, D.
Richard. Row 2: L. Halverson,
M. Hertz, S. Schmale, M. Smith,
S. Brooks, S. Heath, L. Flannery.
Row 3: K. Gardner, B. Ellsworth.



FBLA Members: Front row: Ms.
Barden, H. DeGraw, L. Wang, S.
French, C. Houser, D. Fujita, S.
Brooks, V. Bowen, J. Hall, A.
Nelson, J. Vanderhoeven, Sec-
ond row: R. Porenta, A. Friesen,
L. Ortiz, M. Peters, D. Dao, L.
Halverson, J. So, H. Rom, T.
Williams, T. Norton, M. Valdez,
A. Sutter. Third row: L. Wesche,
J. Southworth, C. Oettlin, D. Zit-
tel, J. Mullins, M. Larson, K.
Hughes, T. Baker, S. Schmale,
M. Lejens, K. Kieffer, B. Parker,
L. Ruelos. Fourth row: S. McKel-
rey, J. Peterson, R. Fiske, E.
Richards, K. Erskine, B. Woerle,
M. Bottorff, C. Hong, T. Peterson,
V. Phanitchob, M. Thompson, J.
Williamson.



Math Club: Front Row: J. Stabb,
J. Witter, A. Cheung, Mr. NESTE-
gard 2nd Row: D. Perry, C. Liu,
J. Olesberg, T. Glenn



WHAT ABOUT TARDIES

This year many of us have been affected by the new tardy policy. Some of us have come up with ways to avoid this problem. But for those of us who still find ourselves tardy, what could be causing this? Not to be in bad choice, Tina Austin, Lance Mantland, Pat Zamagne and Debbye Reeder couldn't help temptation to blame it on slow walking Sophomores. Going to the candy machines was a problem for Kim Steely and Veravanh Phanitchob. Joe Lorenz says there are too many people in the halls. There isn't enough time to talk to friends agrees Vannessa Dodson and Robert Hunsaker. The above are just some examples that many of us can relate to. Here are some excuses from people, that were used over the year. At the beginning of the year most of us can relate to what Michelle Holfert said "I got lost!" Robert Hunsaker told one of his teachers "I was cleaning out my locker." "I was taking a dog outside," commented Becky Lavin. How many of us can relate to what Jon Green said, "I forgot what hour it was." Or for some of us, we might agree with David McBurney "Tardy?? Oh no, I'm G.Q., I was Fashionably late." What ever your excuse, sure hope it got you out of Saturday Work.



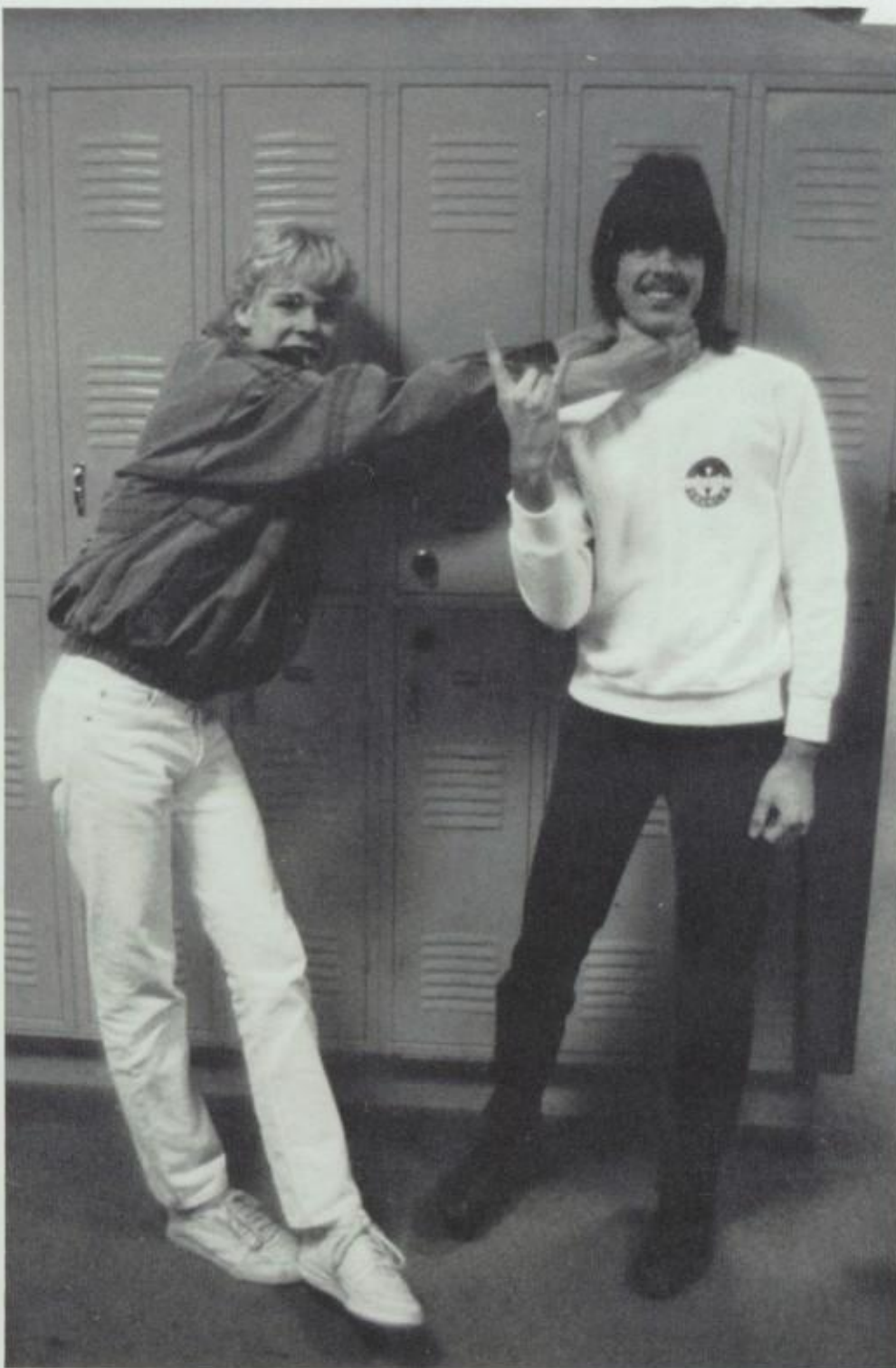
Mike Reagan walks through the Science Department.

Mr. Nestegard and Ik Chang solve a problem with the TRS-80.

Joe Laky and Todd Burg help Robert Witter on his project.

Allen Carbert drawing a house in architecture engineering.

alive



Dan Burr gets strangled by friend?, Nick Thomas.

Susan McColley, Eric Anderson and Carla Mitchell learn to use the video equipment.



John Hunsaker waves to his friends out in the portable area.



Mayumi Young displays her class as a graduating senior.

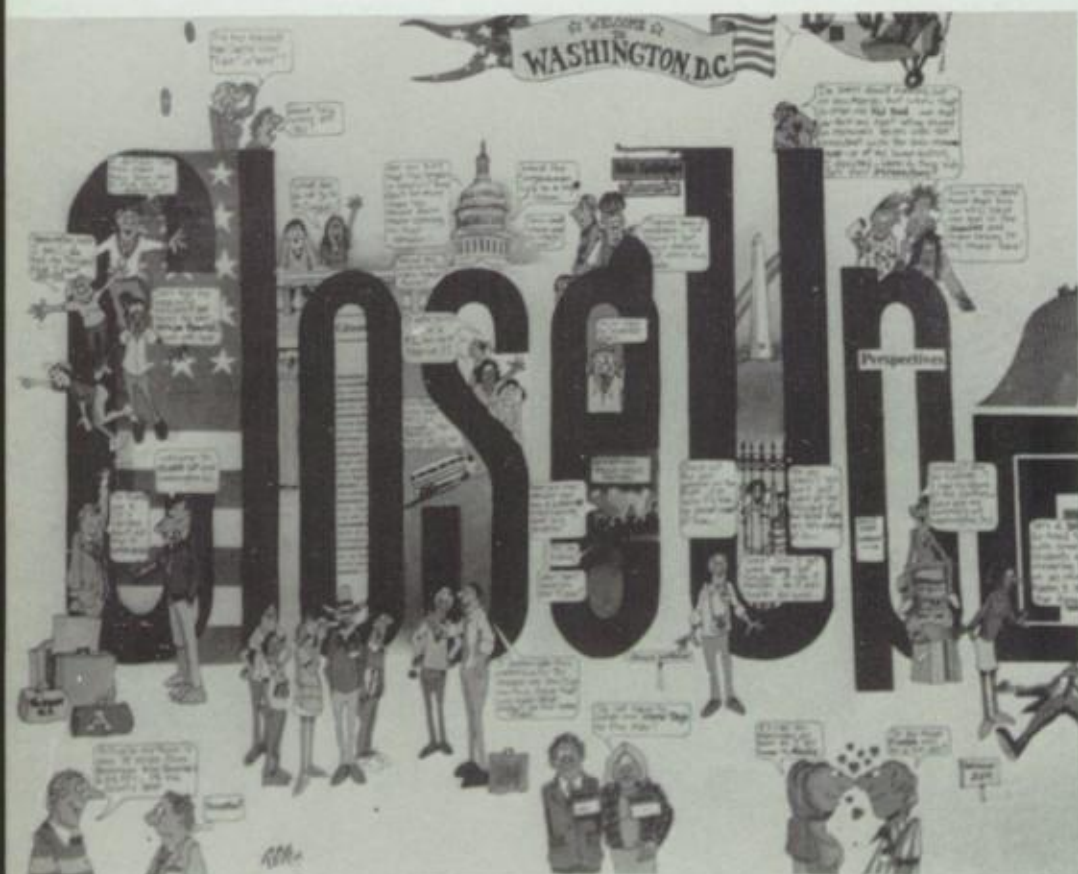
Stacey Hewitt is working hard in class.

CULTURAL EVENT!

Through the efforts of Ms. Reed, Julie Cook, Sandy Schmale, and Christina Mathias, foreign exchange weekend was a huge success this year. On Friday, February 27th students here had a chance to listen to foreign exchange students from other schools in the Puget Sound Area. To ask questions and have the chance to learn about the lives, traditions, what it's like to grow up somewhere other than the United States. The visiting students enjoyed being part of Decatur for a day but found, it exhausting, so relaxation came later on when the students and their hosts joined together for a terrific pizza feed provided by

Ms. Reed in the Home Ec. Room. The food was delicious and the skits performed by kids from each country gave a better understanding of how our lives were different yet the same in many ways. The evening ended abruptly with a joke of a dance, which everyone left before it was over with and zipped on over to Denney's for an hours wait for food, but everyone had a good time.

A lawn in the middle of the Sea Tac Mall? Decatur's FHA group plant plants their grass for a show being presented.



Close up! That ultimate trip to Washington D.C. where students get an inside view of how our nation's government works. This year's students from Decatur were Russ Krenhke, Carla Mitchell, and Drew Rankin.

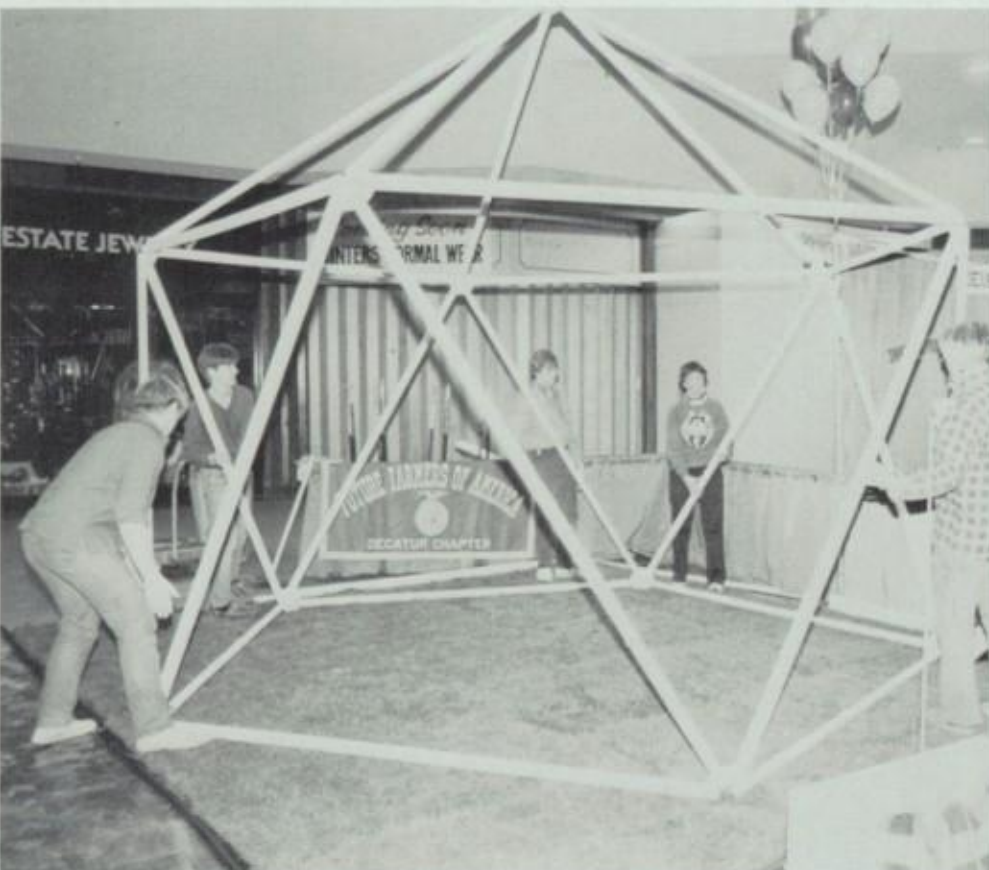


Foreign Exchange Club. Row 1: D. Leach, D. Lyons, U. Schlack, S. Schmale, Row 2: Ms. Reed, advisor, K. Benner, C. Mathias, C. Fachini.



Patrizia, while demonstrating the casual look, says cheese to the camera man, in her own native tongue of course.

Foreign Exchange Weekend! An annual event at Decatur, and what a smash that was! Foreign exchange students from the surrounding area spent a weekend with many students from Decatur. What a cultural treat!



Is this a modern art sculpture? Or is it the Future Farmers of America setting up their display at the Sea Tac Mall?



Ms. Carter offers Aaron a little bit of advice- cooking can be an emotional experience.

F.H.A. Ms. Carter, advisor. R. Trendall, M. Sims, M. Cavanaugh, S. Rhen, Ms. VanHorne, advisor.

JAMMIN' CLUBS!

Future Homemakers of America-yes those cooks you always hear about- had their share of activities this year. Among those include selling Chocolate Hallowgrams during the Halloween season, which is definitely an original idea. Other events were the Regional Planning meeting and a poster contest in which they won first place, a great plus for Decatur's F.H.A. Like F.H.A., F.F.A. has had several activities this year, the exhibit at the Sea Tac Mall being one of them. Both of these clubs should be commended for their talent.

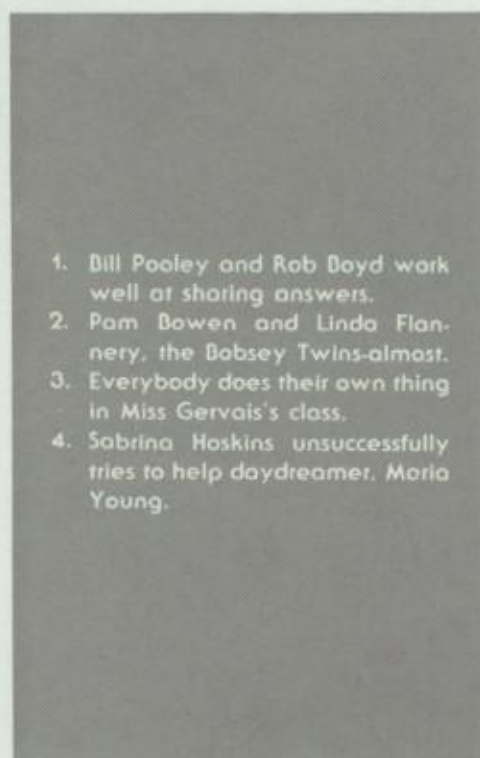
GATORS TELL OF STRANGE IDEAS

Sometimes, we all think of dreams or goals that seem too strange to achieve ... What's the strangest thing you've always wanted to do? Here's what some of your fellow Gators had to say:

Robin Wagster- dye my hair white then streak it lavender.

Todd Olsen- I've always wanted to climb to the top of a mountain or cliff and scream out everything that bugs me until my voice is gone.

Steve Slostad- I'd like to try something like skydiving.



1. Bill Pooley and Rob Boyd work well at sharing answers.
2. Pam Bowen and Linda Flannery, the Bobsey Twins-almost.
3. Everybody does their own thing in Miss Gervais's class.
4. Sabrina Hoskins unsuccessfully tries to help daydreamer, Moria Young.



Todd Bernave- One of these days I'd like to come to school all waved out with a mohawk.
Russ Brenneke- I want to run around the block in my underwear.

Debbie White- I wish I could get locked in a clothing store overnight.

Tami Ashby- I'd like to go waterskiing on New Year's Day!

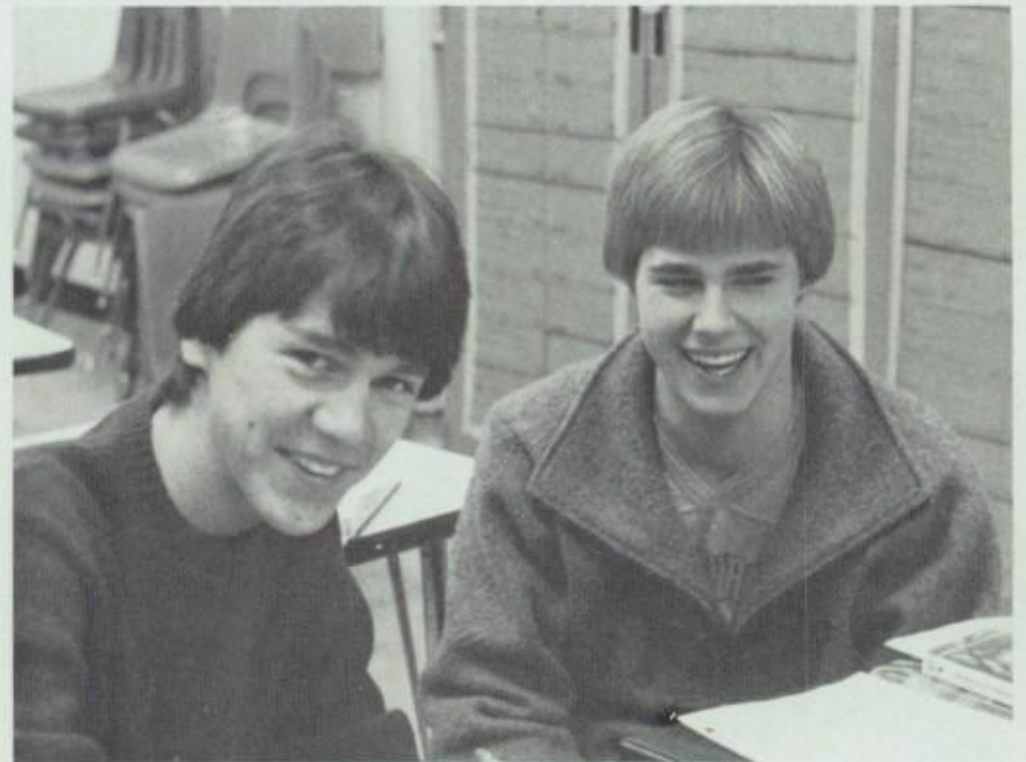
Matt McMullen- Just once I want to take my car out, and run from a cop to see how far I get.

5. Jenny Yeager, Debby Stanley, and Heather Bradbury all master the fine art of relaxing.

7. Chris Konecky and Ken Cook laugh at the thought of actually doing their work.



6. Carla Valenzuela gives us a winning smile.



Dennis Moen- It would be neat to go parachuting, or skydiving.
Liso Schatz- I want to live in Australia in a big, open, wide meadow with my hubby.

Veravanh Phanitchob- I've always wanted to fly like a plane.

Robert Whitney- I need one of those punk haircuts.

Kar Wamba- I want to transcend all humanity and become the wife of Generic Fred the Super Pickle.

Cheri Menghini- I'd like to make a pizza in the shape of Texas.

Sherri Hurst- I'd want to be a vampire!

Terri Ward- I really want to kiss this certain guy I know.

Nathan Lomboy- It would be fun to drive up to Burger King in a limousine and ask for a complimentary Whopper!

John Borelli- What I've always wanted to do, was hypnotize our principal, Dr. Purcell and make her walk around Decatur with a sign around her neck that says "Snoopy".

MUSIC TO OUR EARS

The practiced, professional sounds of Decatur's Concert, Jazz and Pep Bands are in part due to the musicians' positive, proud attitudes. These are comments taken from two of this year's band members.

"Band to most students means an easy grade, but those who enjoy band and consider it a challenge are the ones that make it what it is—great! Actually, Great for this year's band is quite an understatement. Ms. Pennington's extremely professional attitude is the chord that makes all her other notes blend so well.

Mark Bottorff

The band was determined to once again unite ourselves to make a whole—this was the key note for year.

Getting ready for a festival at CWU, the solo and ensemble contest and the Oregon tour, we have had many fund-raisers. Selling sausages, pizzas, candy bars, and having car washes brought the concert and symphonic bands even closer together. Hard work and dedication go into being in a Decatur High School band."

Stephanie Carlson

Julie Stenerson and Carla Mitchell sing the blues.



Members of Concert Band: T. Teske, B. Williams, J. Cartaway, R. McCoy, C. Depdorter, D. Kuntz, A. Schmitt, J. Miller, V. Eckley, F. Tolmasoff, M. Lee, T. Gregory, D. Anderson, P. Cram, K. Sullivan, S. Eidinger, J. Micheline, M. Peters. Advisor: C. Pennington

Adam Schmitt raises his trombone to "Tequila."



Members of Jazz Band: M. Doll, A. Harold, W. Chapman, D. Kuntz, A. Schmitt, B. Waller, J. Blue, C. Pennington, J. Smith, R. McCoy, C. Harrow, T. Weymiller, J. Hernandez, J. Miller, D. Kexel, M. Gans, A. Schmitt, L. Ruelas, M. Peters, M. Lee, C. Carda, J. Micheline, V. Eckley. Advisor: C. Pennington



Members of Swing Choir: S. Byers, Mr. Manning, D. Cornell, J. Green, L. Jacobs, J. Stenerson, R. Boyd, S. McGillivray, F. Manning, K. Lawrence, D. Leach, M. Davis, S. Heath, B. Hatch, J. Southworth, C. Warren, C. Mitchell, S. McKenna, K. Wamba, M. Hall, M. Young. Advisor: D. Manning



Mr. Manning directs the choir through an upbeat number.



Desiree Donich determinedly concentrates on her music.



Decatur students show pride in their band.



Pep Band entertains the assembly crowd.

THE LEADERS, THE CREATIVE, AND THE HELPFUL

If capsizing a canoe, dancing till midnight, and staying up to see dawns light are the qualities of leadership, this year's leadership camp has produced a number of outstanding delegates. On the fifth and sixth of October, 180 Decatur students went to camp Gwinwood in Lacey. The weather co-operated and spirits were so high, "it was like everyone was plugged in," said Sherri Hurst.



Todd Bernave, Monica Stergion, and Jana Southworth learned to swim with their shoes on after capsizing their canoe.

Compared to "camp food" the general rating was about three stars. Speaking of stars, the evening where gold stars and shared feelings about ourselves and others was a moment of introspection and closeness that few will forget.

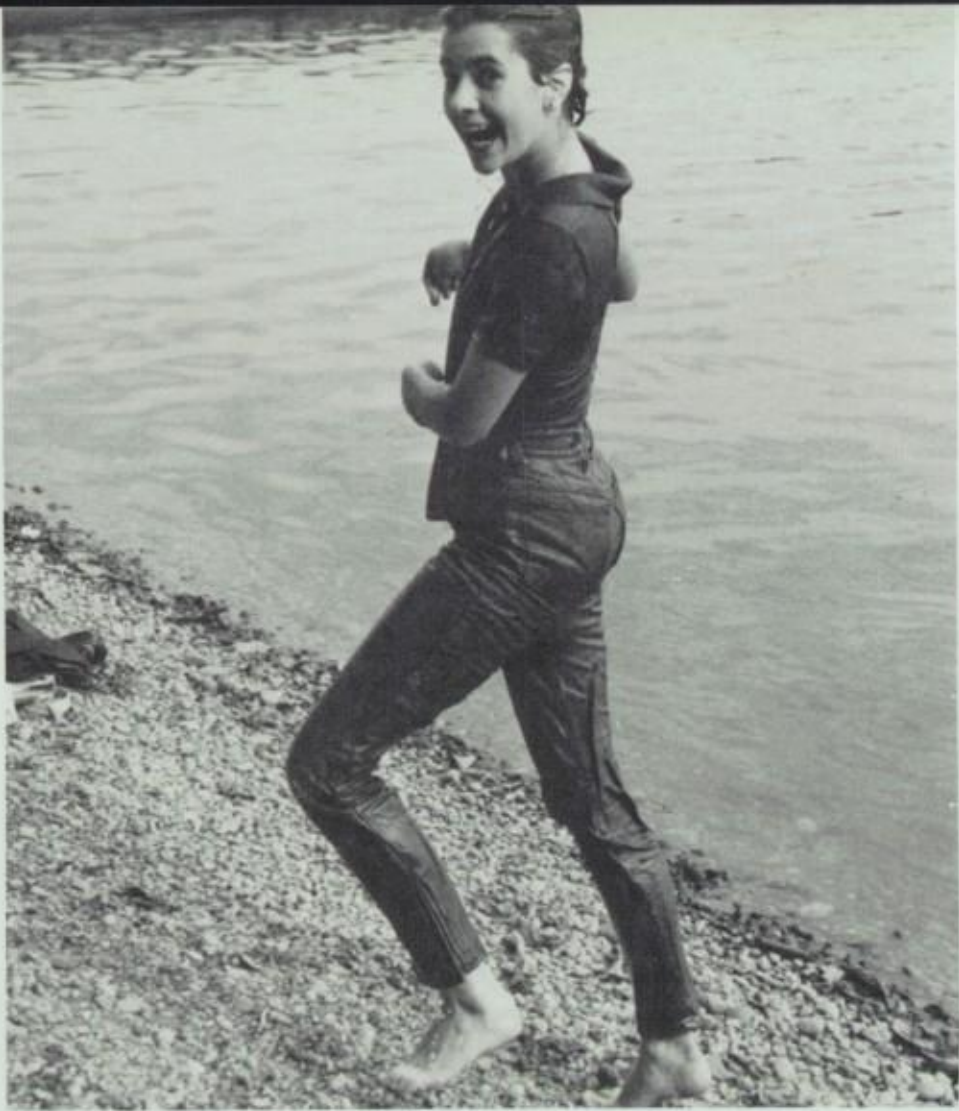


Walk-n-roll was the theme of this activity.

Rachelle and Vicki show their spirits during leadership camp.

A close group of juniors who love each other dearly.





If museums and galleries are your thing, or hanging around with arty people then art club was the place. Mark Davis, president, Todd Bernave, vice president, Sheri Lou and Cheri M., p.r. and secretary kept the group alive. Each year the club purchases art to be kept permanently at school, "this year is going to be really tough!" says Ms. Olsson, it's the best group of artists to go through Decatur.



Art Club- Todd Bernave, Tim Trendall, Sondra Bishop, Mark Davis, Sheri Lou Standard, Cheri Menghini.

Service Club- Dana Gray, Ted Schmit, Joe Nanavich, Mary Kellog, Hilary Bennitt.

What would camp be without camp fires and songs. Ask someone to hum a few bars though and you only get confusion. Seems you had to make up the words as you went along. Teepee creeping was stifled by well hid advisors and noisy creepers.

The dance was "really decent" most danced every dance. Boy were we enthusiastic we were feeling GOOD-ugh!

It was a positive, up, experience that superglued the kids together with fun, memories, sharing and feelings that kept us pumped up and ready to LEAD.

Thriving

Mr. Hamamoto's pottery class works on their sculptures.



Ethel helps in the English Department.



Donovan Berrisford takes a break to pose for a picture in his English class.



Jackie Kepler works on an English assignment for Mr. Duchard.



Decatur Gators gather together for lunch.

One of our new teachers, Mr. Buchard explains an assignment.



Mike Cozart and Drew Rankin show off their Gator Pride.

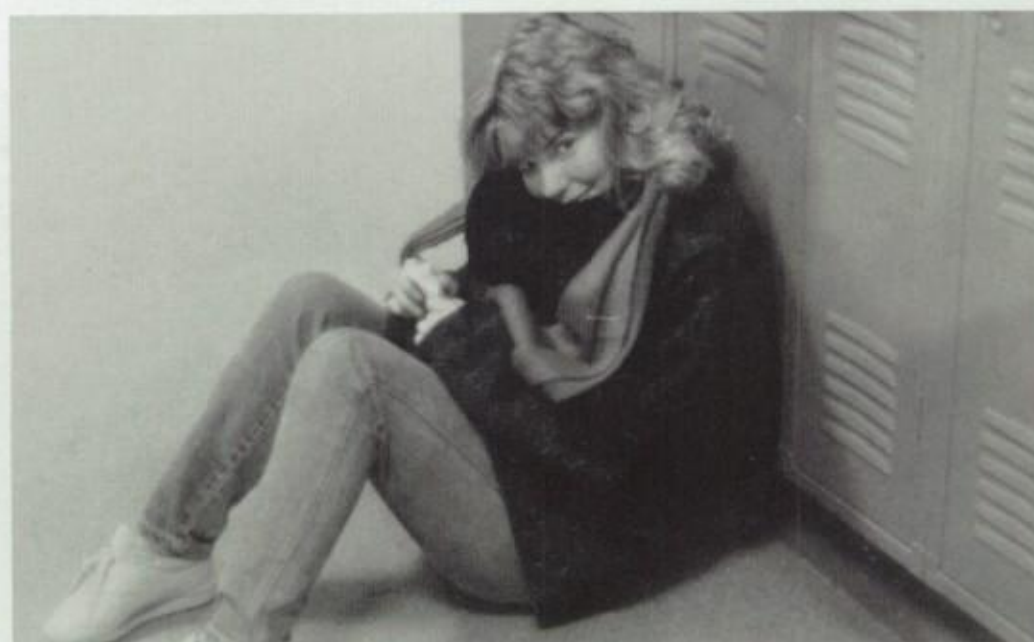


Lisa Comstock shares her candy bar with Chris Klobutcher.

Curt Sanders works hard on a layout for Annual.



64 SENIORS
96 ASB
98 JUNIORS
114 SOPHOMORES







Senior Officers

B. Leach, B. Duvall, K. Latta, M. Ellison

How do you now as seniors view things?

Antoinette Filler replied, "It's all so different, fun, exciting, weird yet scary. You have no one to look up to because you are #1, at the top. It's like where do you go from here?"

Louis Frank says, "Now that I'm a senior I try not to think anything but lunch."

Lisa Parker replies, "There is a time to play and a time to be serious."

Tammy Shrum feels, "This is our last chance to get involved with school activi-

ties and I really appreciate how helpful Teachers have been throughout the years, yet now they treat us on an adult basis."

Lori Ellsworth used to say, "I can't wait until I'm a senior. Now, I keep saying, I wish I had another year to prepare myself for the real world. I never actually thought there was life after high school."

Tonia Rizer asks, "What does 'Senior' mean? It's just the same as always except I feel more pressured to make decisions."



Sandi Schmale harmonizes with Lynn Deighton in the background.

Traditional early out for seniors, a thing of the past!

Julie Cook responds, "Seniors in previous years have been dismissed five days earlier than underclass. It's been a tradition, it seems, more than just a school policy. I dislike the fact that our tradition is now, no longer."

Wendy Crocco tells all, "It's stupid because it's always been that way, and it shouldn't be changed. It's a privilege that all seniors should get."

Jeff Sloane takes a stand, "I'm not in favor of this move. I don't feel that you lose that much education in those 5 days. It's a reward to the senior and it's an incentive for the underclassmen."

Cheri Menghini expresses her view, "It doesn't bother me to much. What's five days compared to the days where you're somewhere else other than Decatur?"

Wendy Cavanaugh comments, "I feel as though the administration is taking away all the glory and excitement of being a senior."

Julie Pearson replies, "I feel somewhat cheated, but I understand the problems this causes with teachers, administration, etc."

Finally, Kim Dillon sums up the general opinion of most seniors "I guess if they're going to do it, it might as well be this year. Every class will be upset. But I don't like it. It shouldn't be done at all. Ever."

Jill Peterson says, "Hey! It's rain."

Roxanne Porenta, Her future to come.

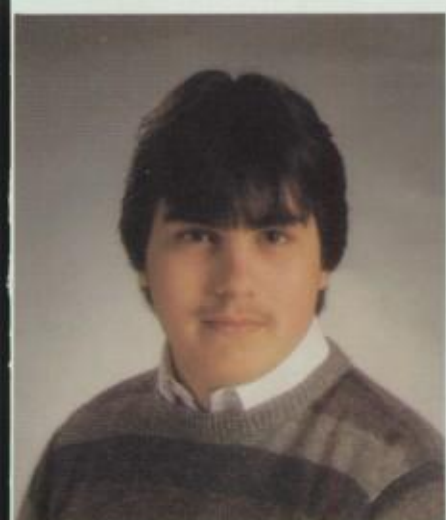
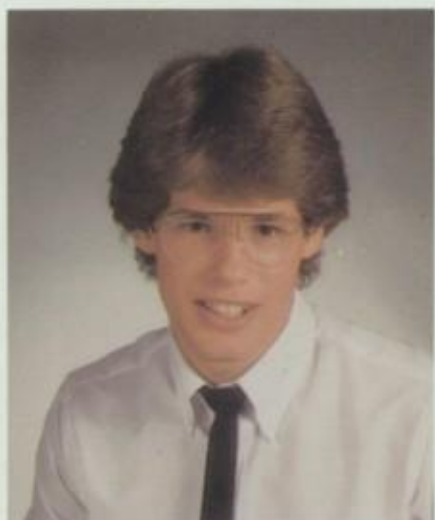
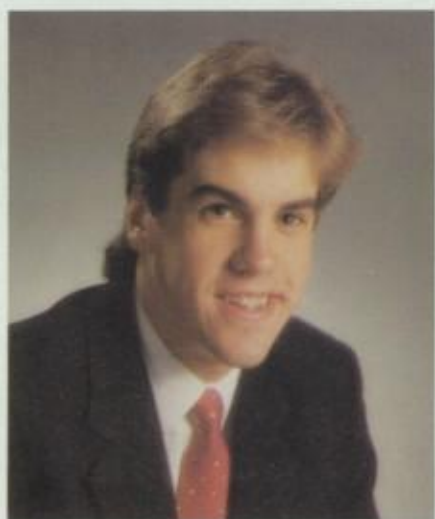
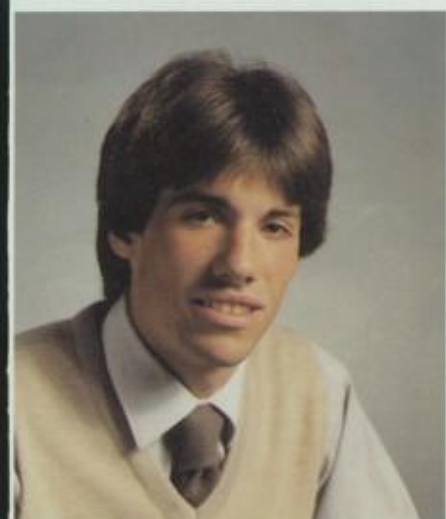


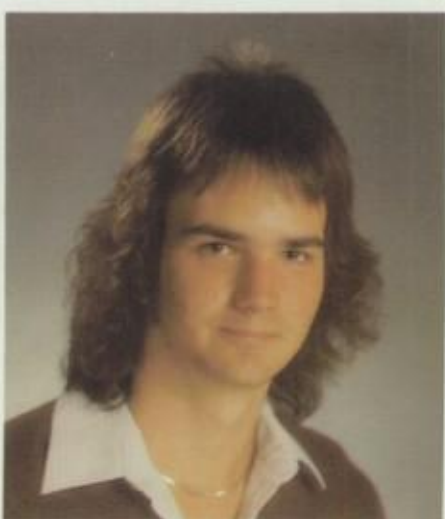
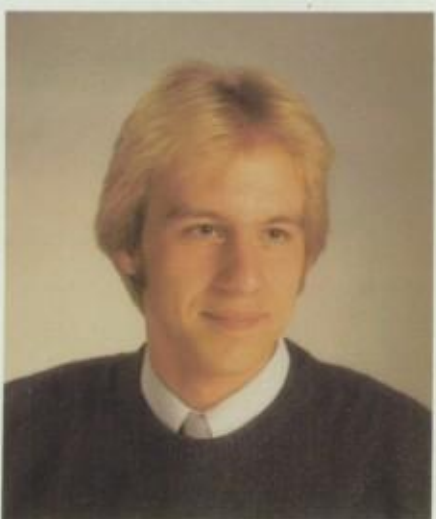
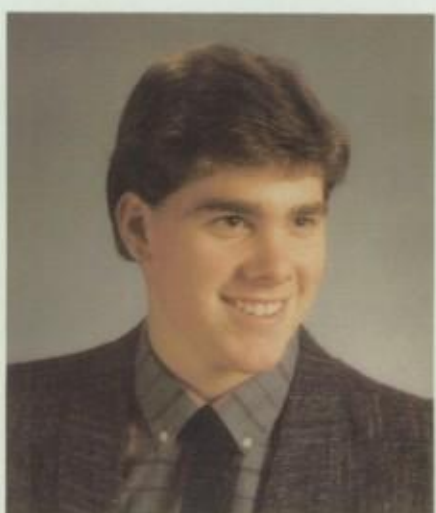
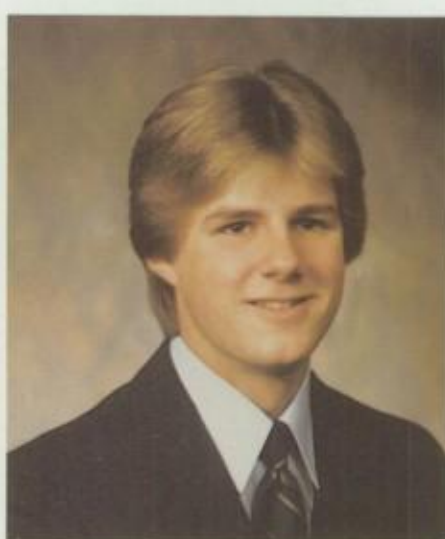
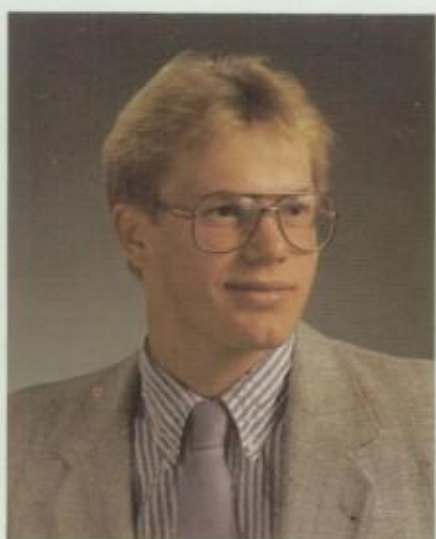
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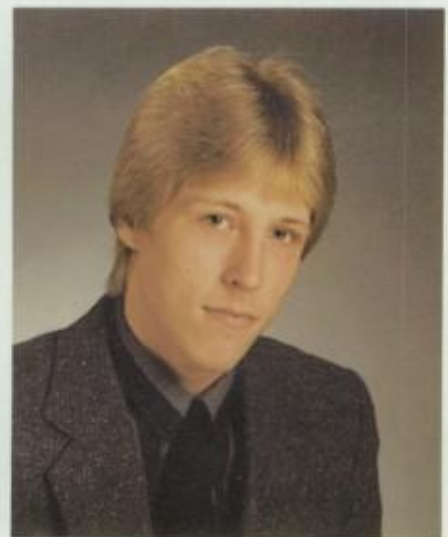
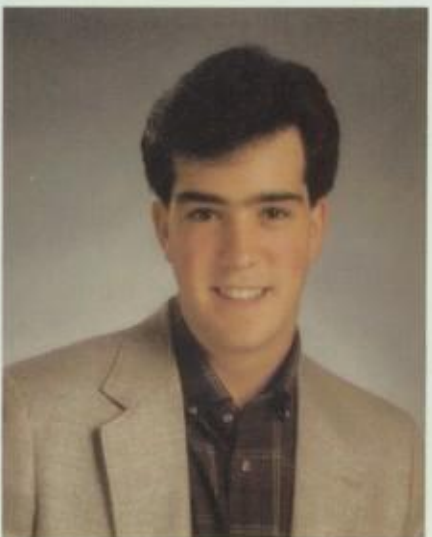
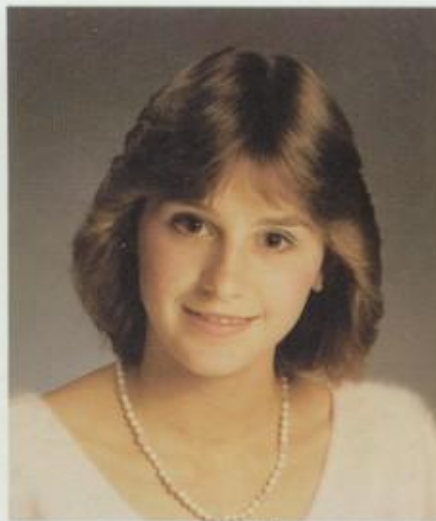


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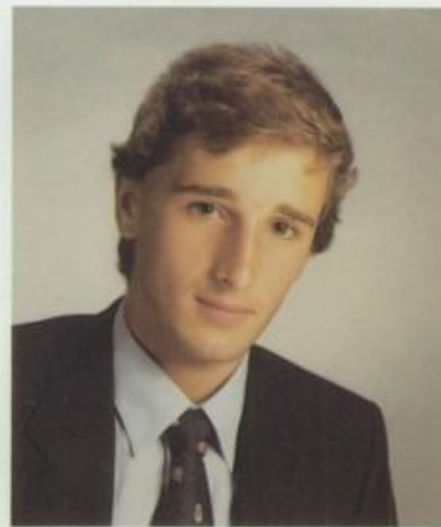
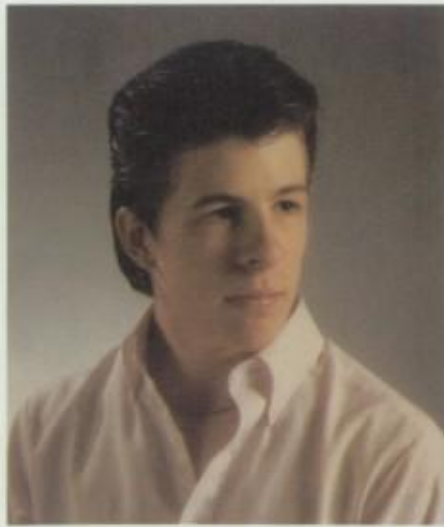


Nanzie Moores - Nanzie's a model at heart.

David Sanders - David tries to convince his teacher he really is doing his work!



The human X-mas tree with Santa (Tim Upshaw) as the star.



Eric Bunch
Sharon Burkett

Michael Burley
Daniel Burr

Miguel Cabeza
Dawn Calligan

Allen Carbert
Cammy Card



The first winter sports assembly. Mitch and Tim play caboose as filing into the assembly.



Ed and Susan love sitting together in the cafeteria sooooo much!

Hugs do wonders!





Ma'Chaun Carda
Kevin Carl
Stephanie Carlson
Tracy Carlson

Samatha Cavanaugh
Wendy Cavanaugh
Thomas Cerreto
Rebecca Chalcraft

William Chapman
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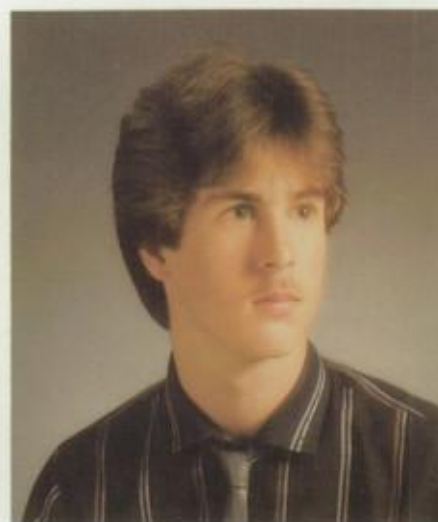
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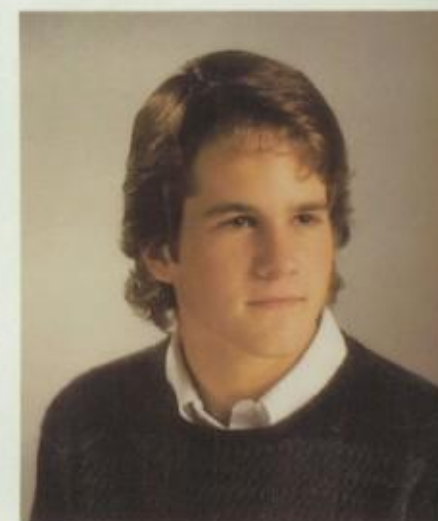
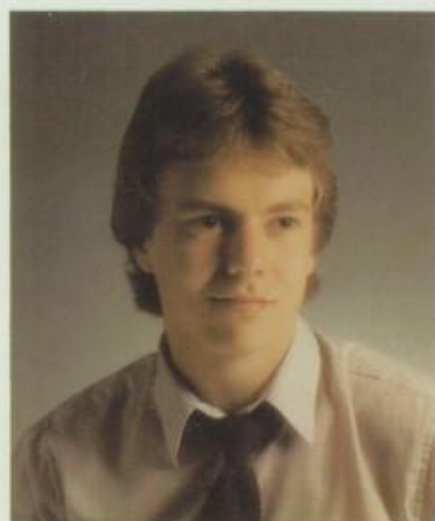
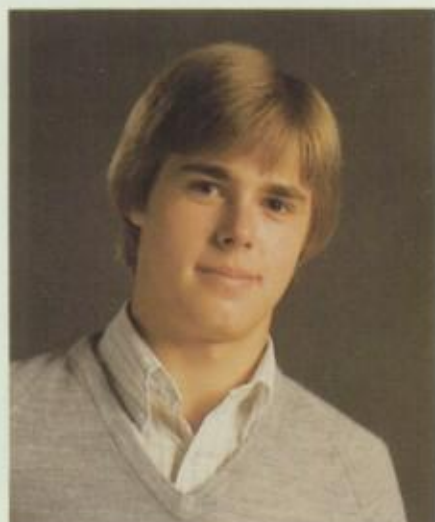
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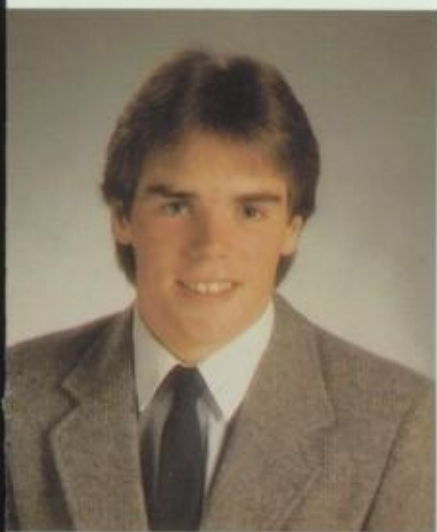
Troy and Lynn enjoy their walk in the first snow of the year.

Juli Pearson shows her excitement when she finds out that volleyball was going to state.



Cheri and Sherry react to Ms. Olsson telling them they are doing their project wrong after they thought they knew what they were doing.

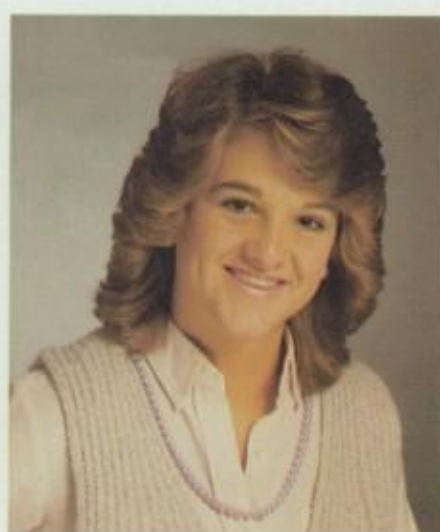
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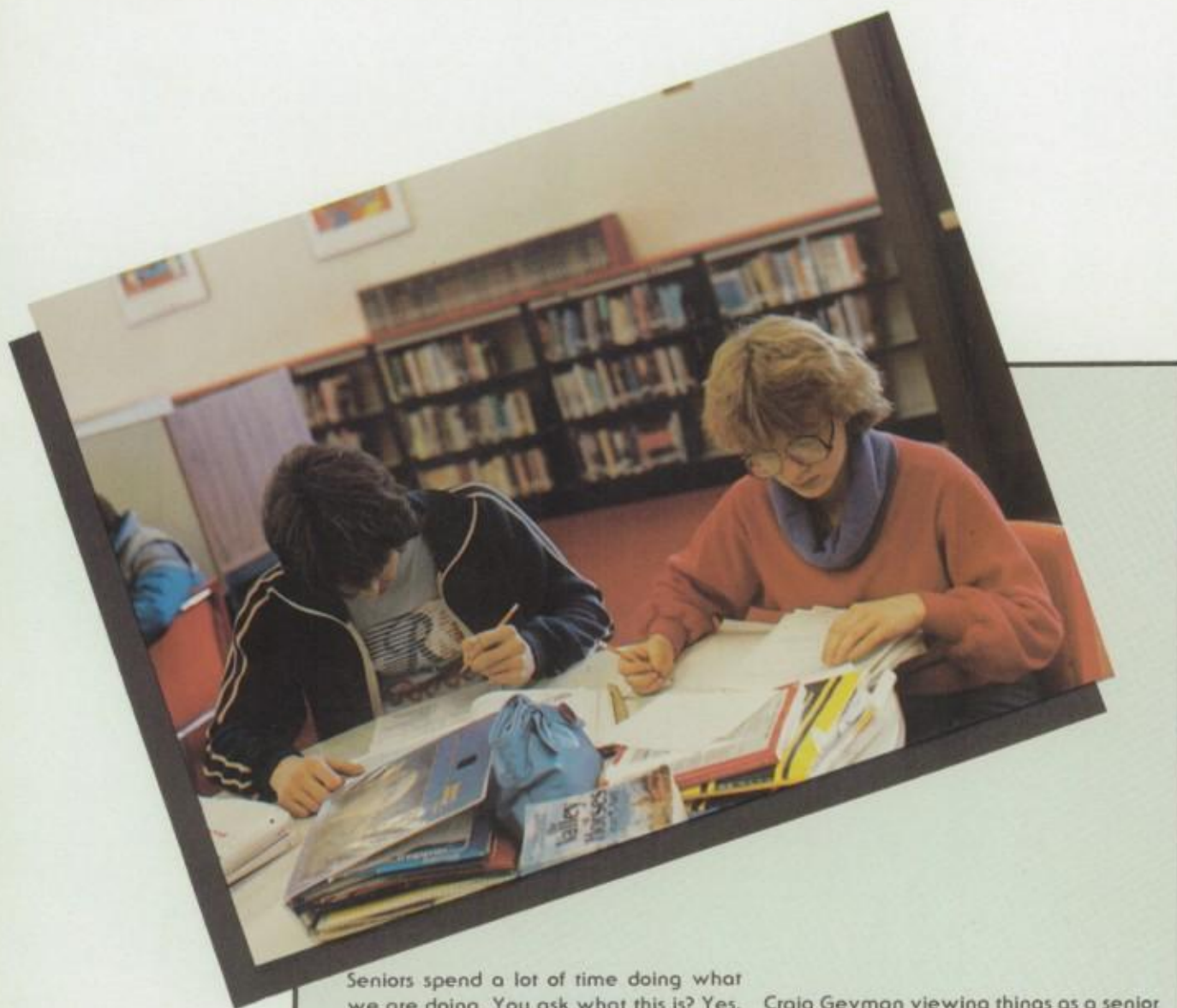




'THE' SENIOR



CLASS OF 1986



Seniors spend a lot of time doing what we are doing. You ask what this is? Yes, it is studying. We spend a majority of our time studying to past tests, and to "Eventually" graduate.

Craig Geyman viewing things as a senior says, "I view things more seriously about my grades because you need your diploma to get somewhere in life."

Scott Sampson says, "f is for fun."

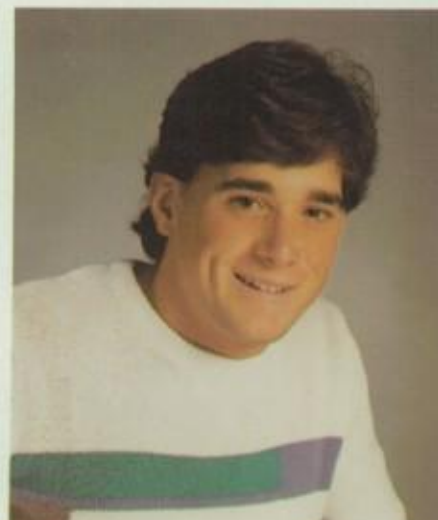
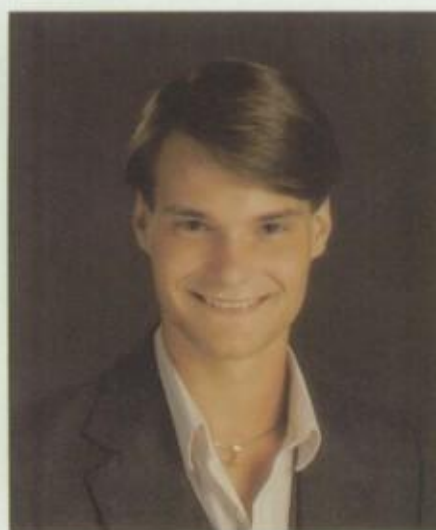


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Michael Doll
Desiree Donich

Brian Duvall
Regina Echevarria

Verna Eckley
Matthew Ellison

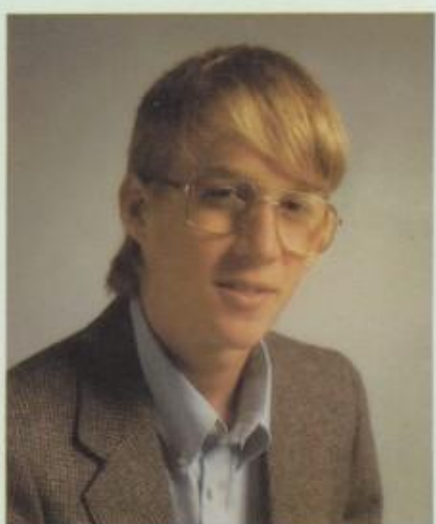


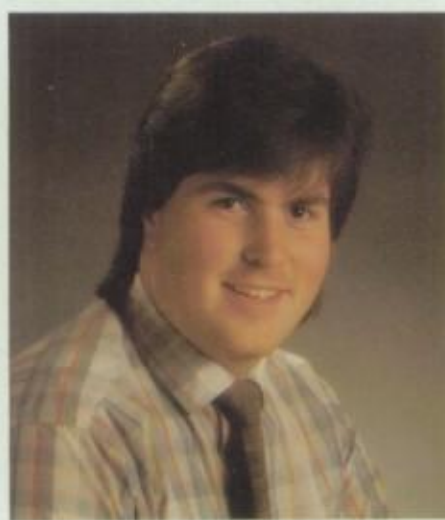
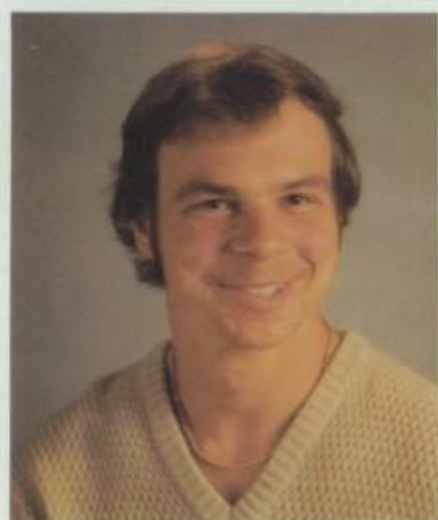
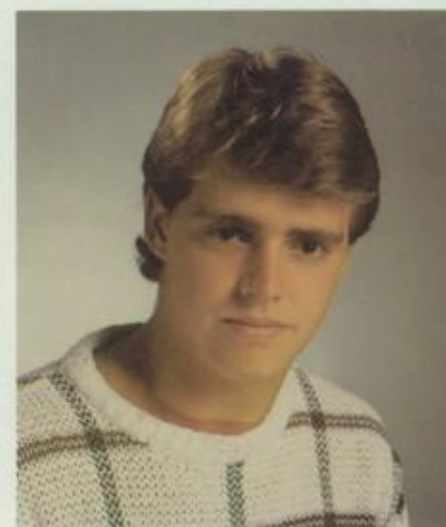
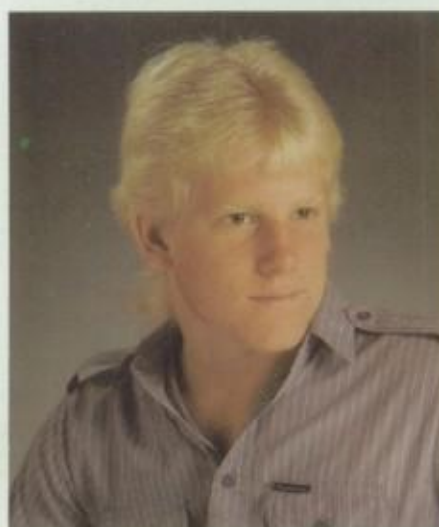
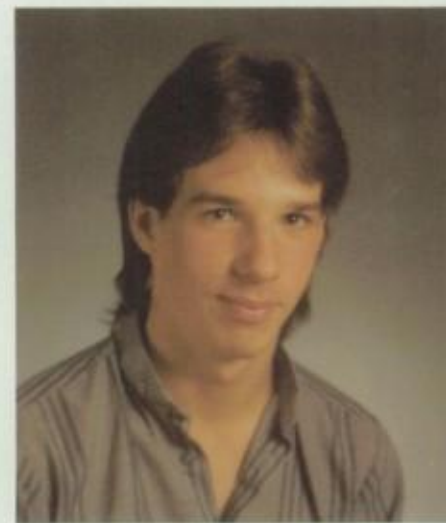
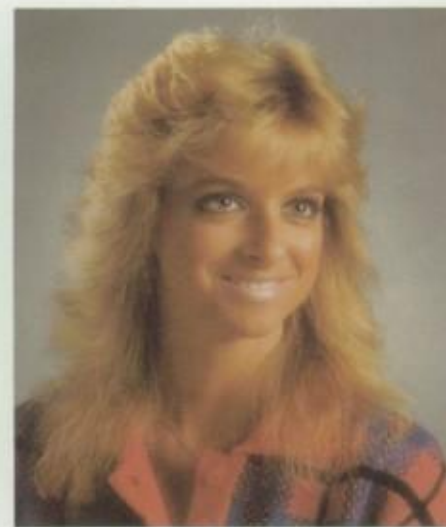
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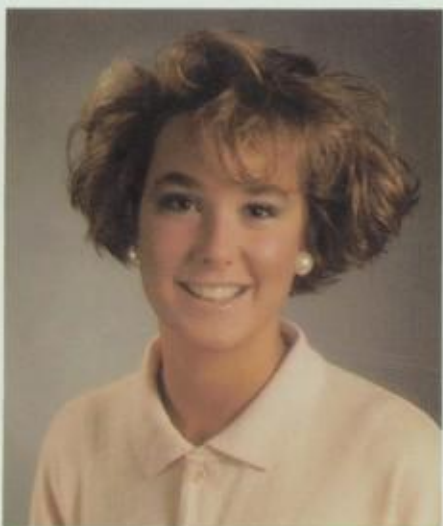


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Craig Geyman

Nan Gim
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Kevin Glantz
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Mikal Gunn

Christine Hahn
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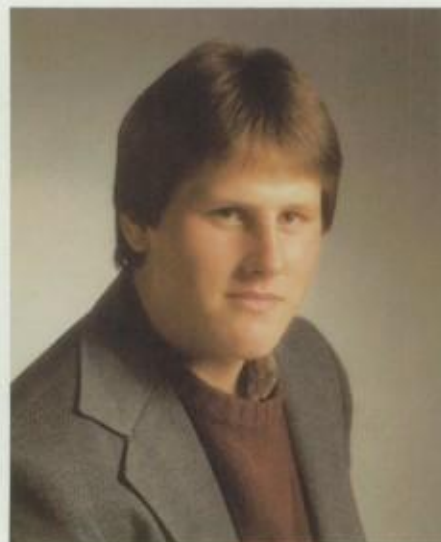
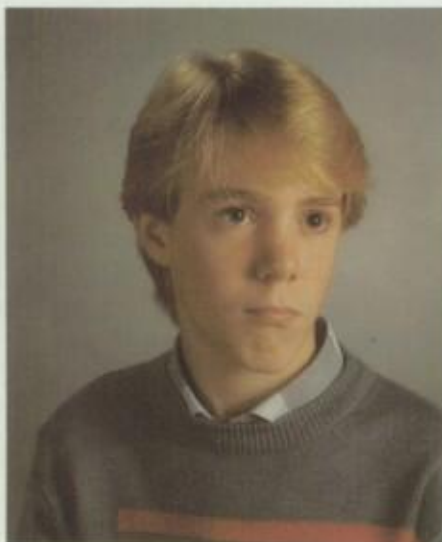
Pam Bowen like all seniors has a serious face for troubles times.

Brian Duvall remains positive while selling senior t-shirts.



Two-fifths of the cheerleading staff sit together in conference, Melanie Hobbs and Michelle Werner study the plans for an upcoming assembly while

Becky Brooker and Julie Stenerson smile for the camera.



Susan Heath
Darleen Hendley

Michael Henning
Christopher Herman

Stacey Hewitt
William Hilby

Jacqueline Hillis
Tanya Hines



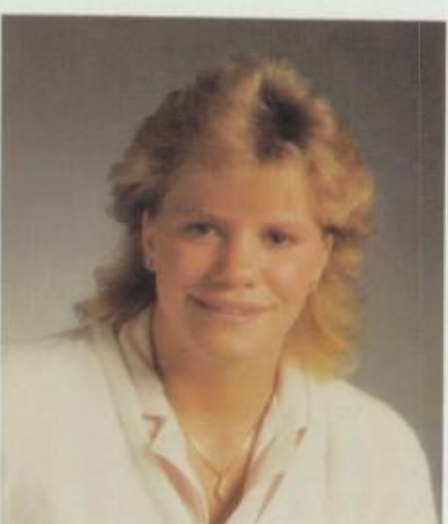
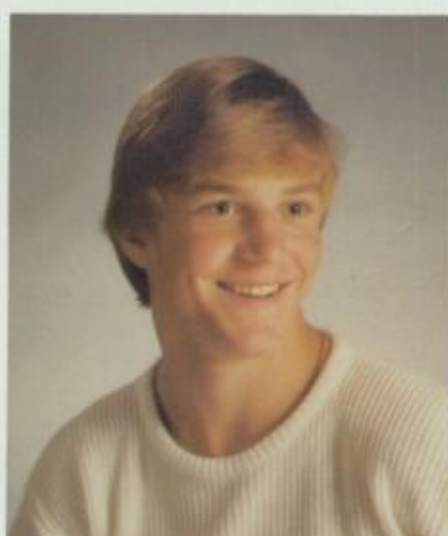
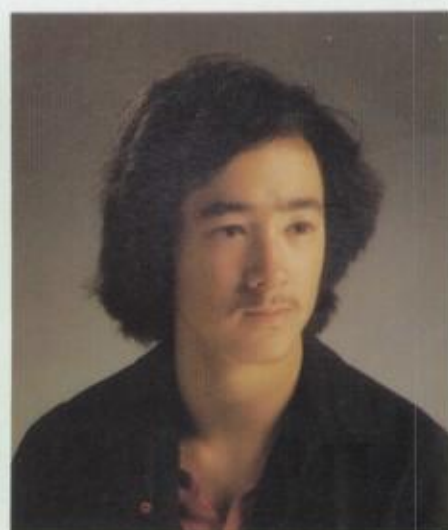
Dave Cornish creates both art and a mess as he spins away during pottery class.



Exerting individuality, Verna Eckley bears her luminescent hair.



The snow places a smile on Jason Andrew's face.



William Hines
Chung Hong
Christian Hope
Nan Hope

Susan Hope
Angela Horgan
Sabrina Hoskins
Joseph Howard

Joey Howe
Kristen Hughes
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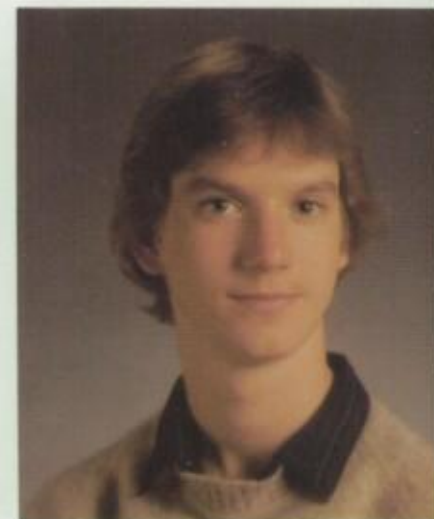
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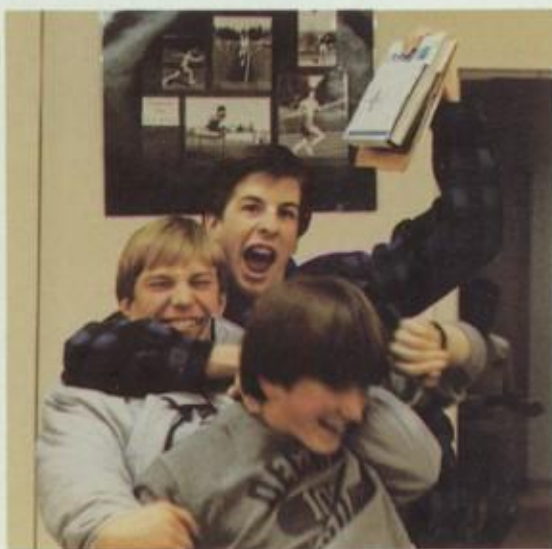
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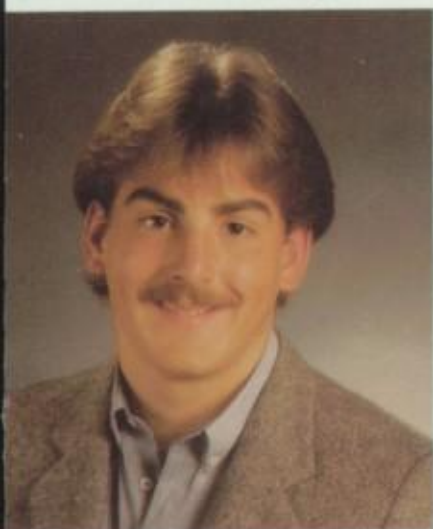
Another day of learning begins for John Olesburg.

Eric Bunch claims the book.



Kim Dillon and Tim Lawrence relax while enjoying each others company.

Brent Kolbo
Chris Konecny



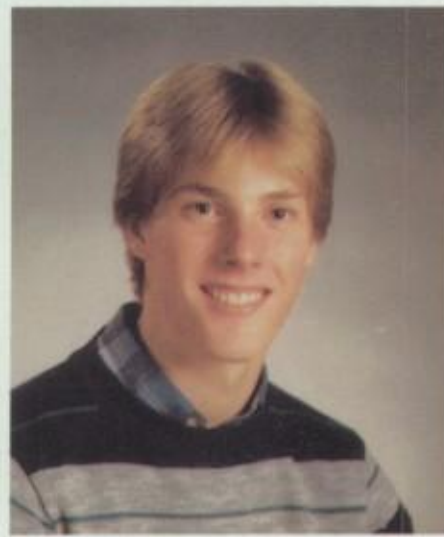
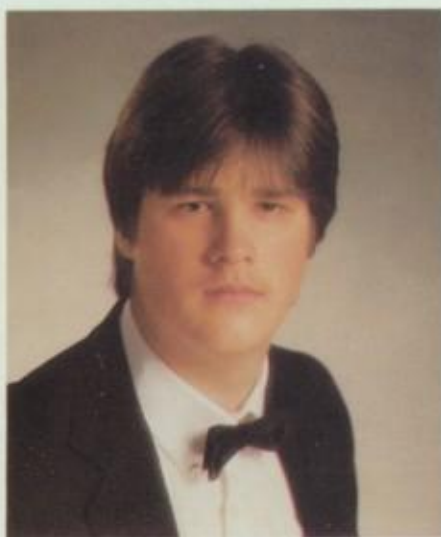
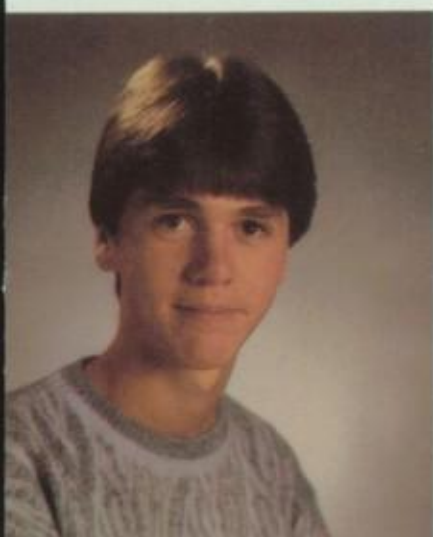
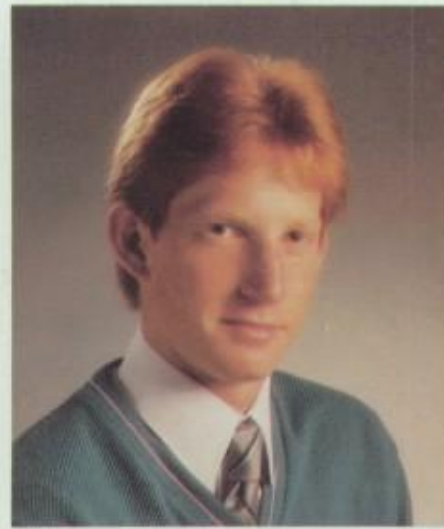
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Sarah Kurtz
John Kwon



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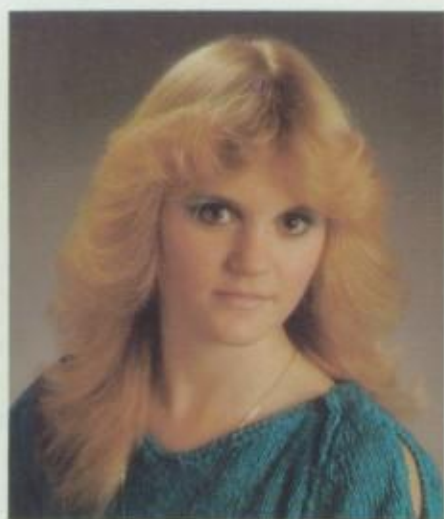


Steve Wren shows how great lunch can really be. But Bill Pooley, Rob Boyd, and Todd Berg believe in taking it with stride.

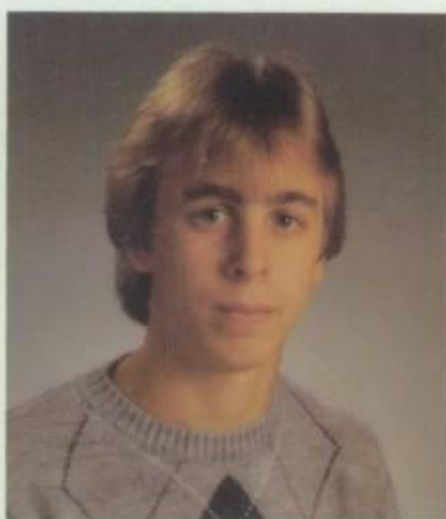
Janna Southworth and Michelle Erickson collectively hide and bathe in the glory of the camera.



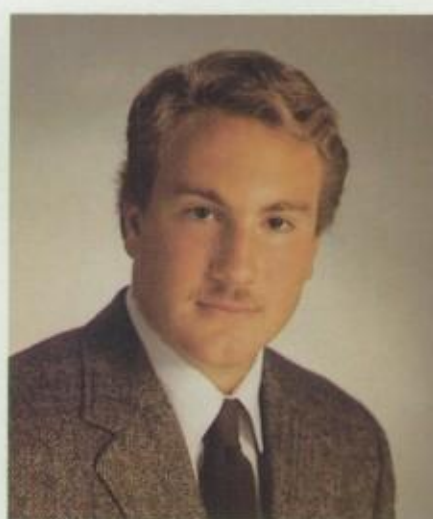
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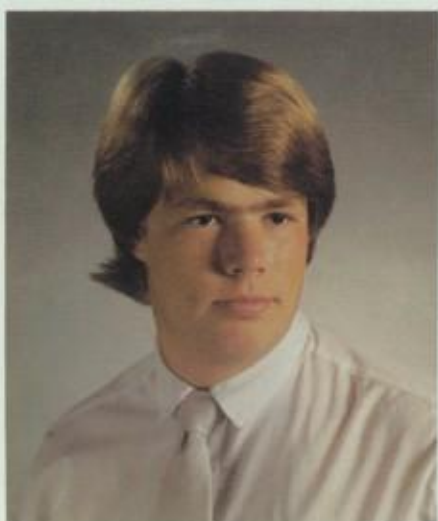
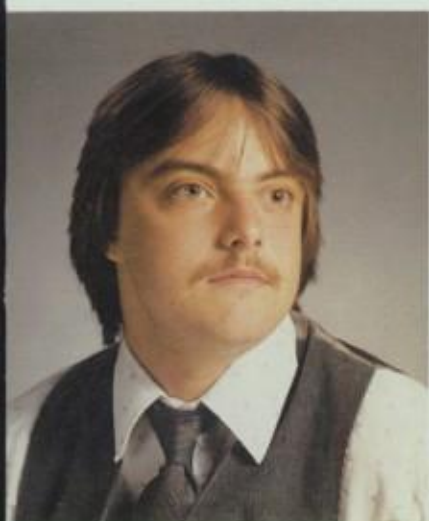
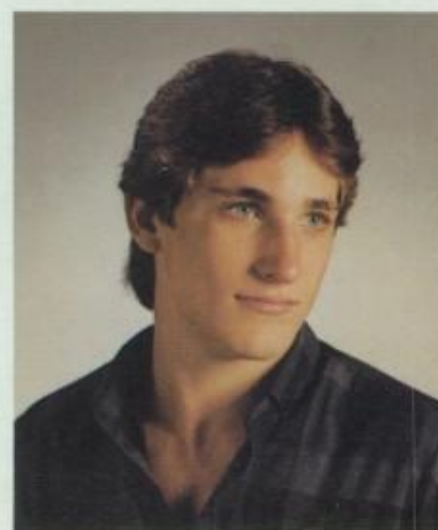
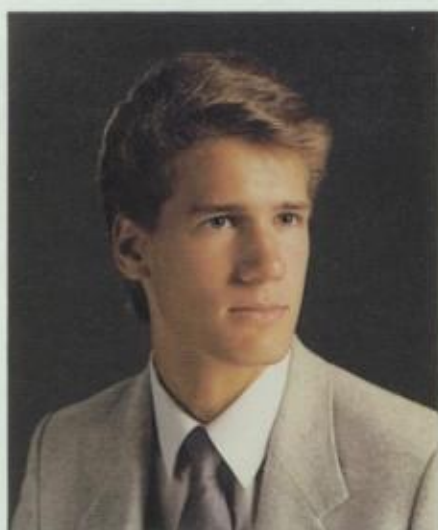
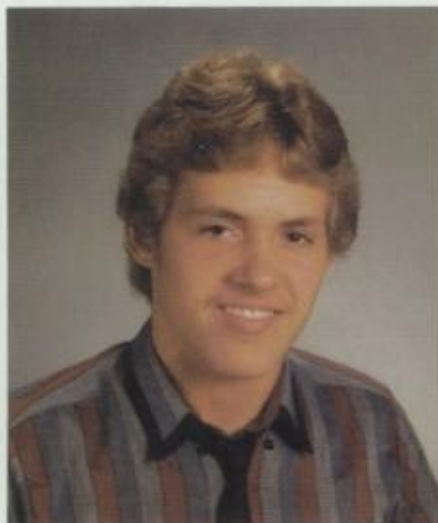


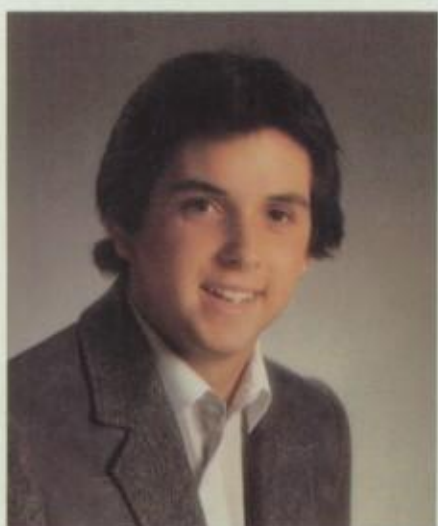
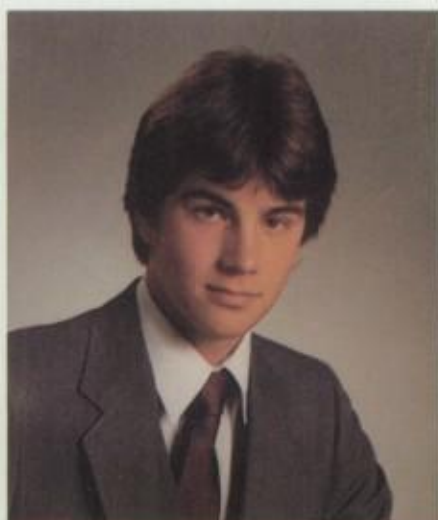
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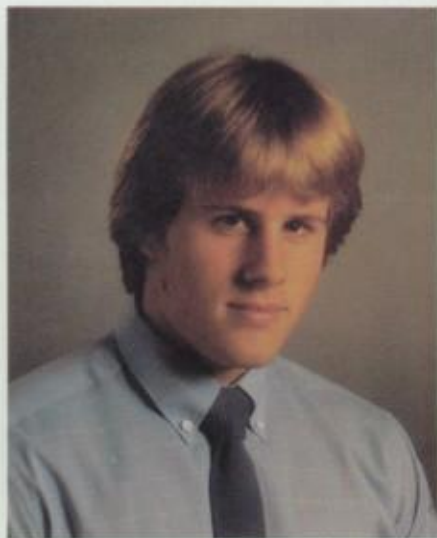


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 Marcia McKail
 Christopher McKenna
 Erin McLaughlin

Matthew McMullen
 George McQueen Jr.
 Cheri Menghini
 Christopher Meyers

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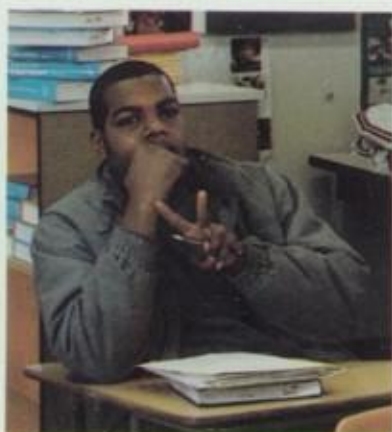
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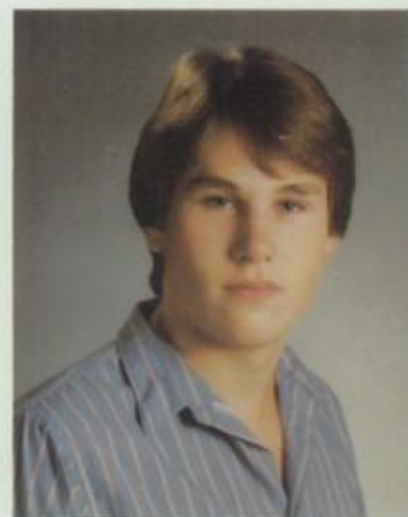
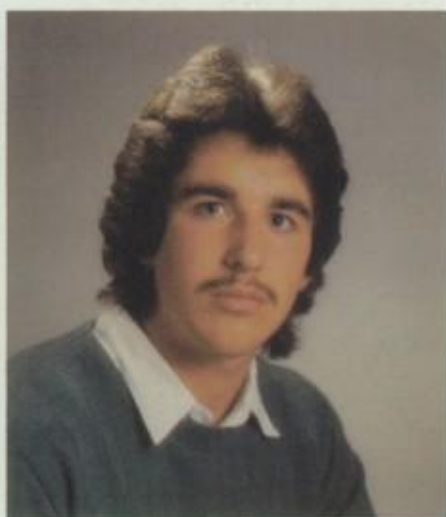
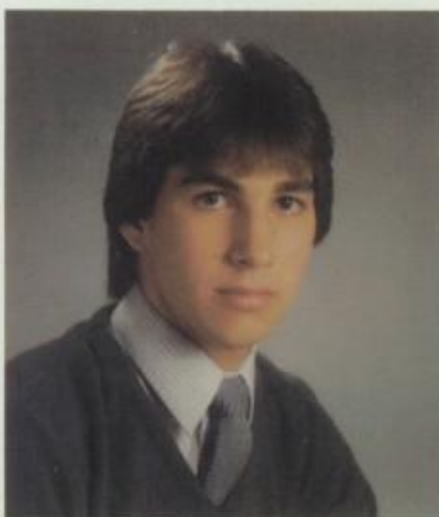


Bernice Miller says, "WOOL"

"PEACE BE WITH YOU!"



"Yeah, I know I'm talented. This flocking is normal."



Jason Norton
Keith Norton

Mary O'Brien
Brian O'Donnell

Jackie Oh
John O'Leary

Jonathon Olesberg
Martin Osborn



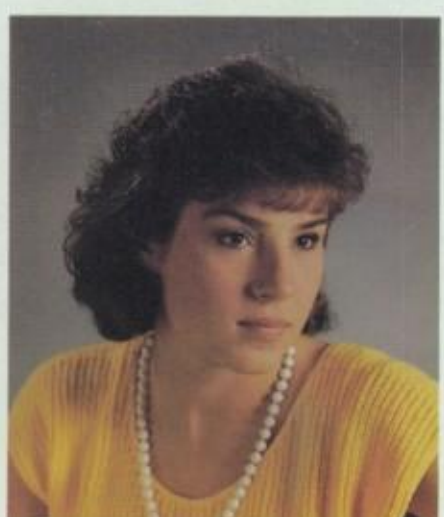
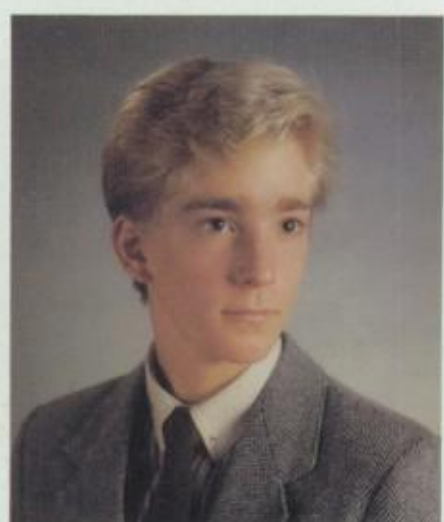
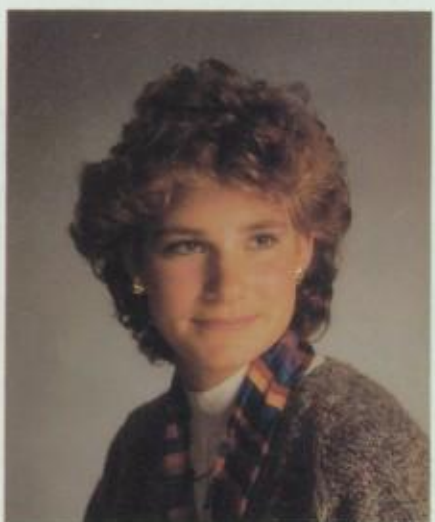
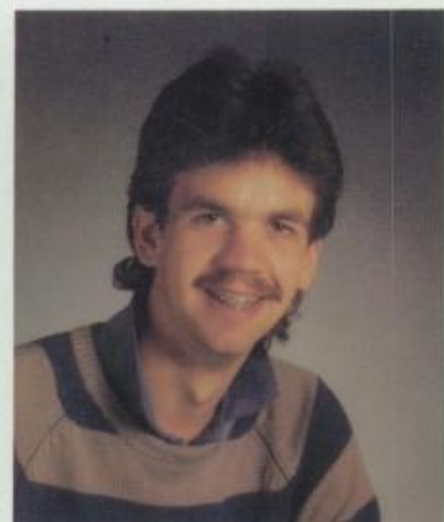
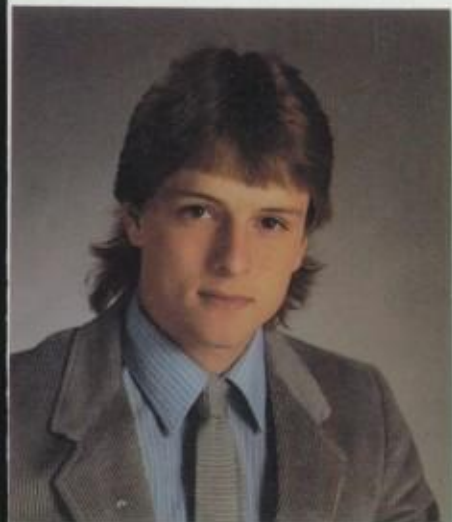
Todd and Norm swing Rosie over the river.



Samantha Davenport says, "Aren't I darling."

Kristy and Antoinette, visiting with each other during lunch.





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Juli Pearson
Robin Petersdorf
Jill Peterson

Carolyn Polonsky
William Pooley
Roxanne Porenta
Leann Prater

Scott Raketty
Tamra Ramsey
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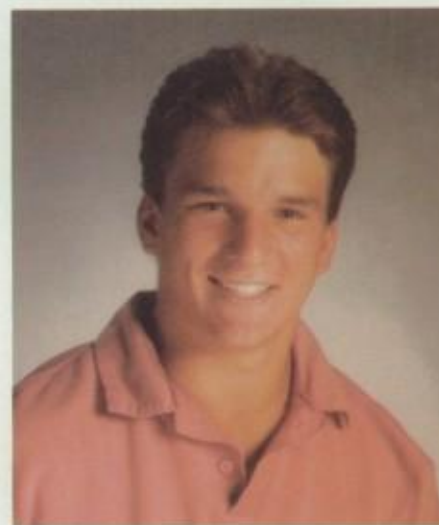
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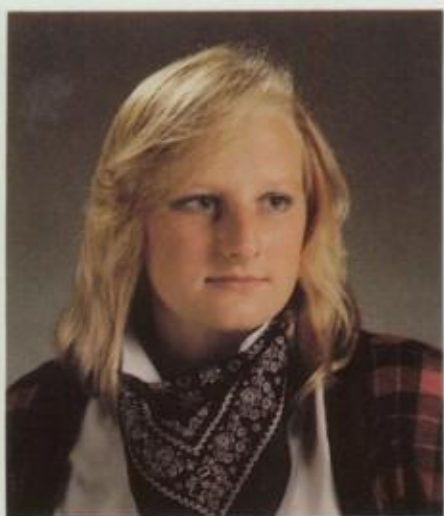
Grin & bear it!

Chong Yoon paints her happiness.



"I love you Tammy, the dreams I have are wonderful!"

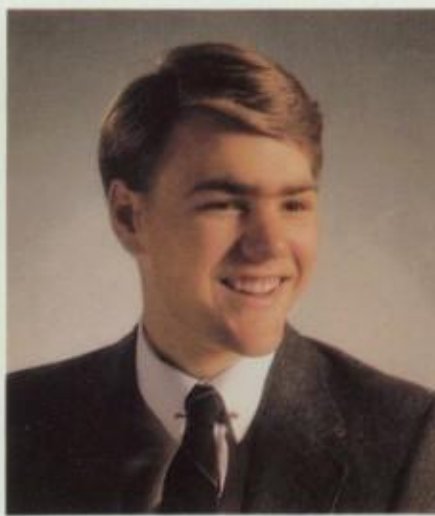
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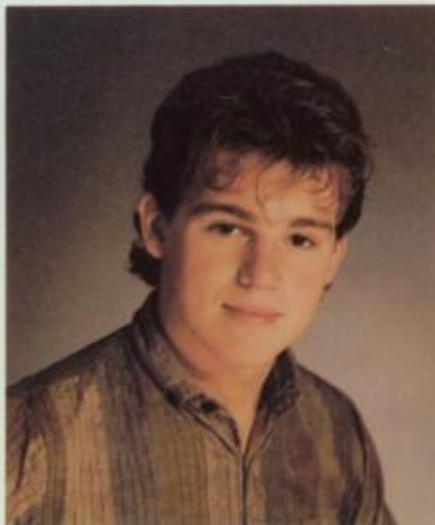
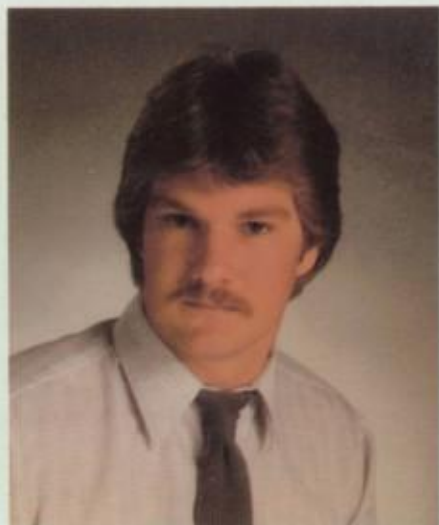
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Philip Schmidt



Ted Schmidt
Paul Schmitt



Michael Scholl
Susan Schreibe





Michelle and Andrea join together to finish Ham's assignment.

Chris takes a break from class to say, "Better Cheddar!"



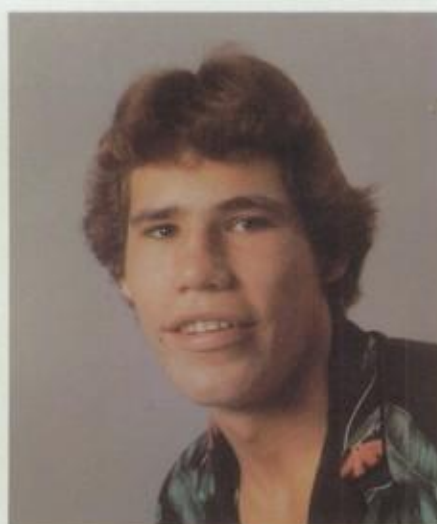
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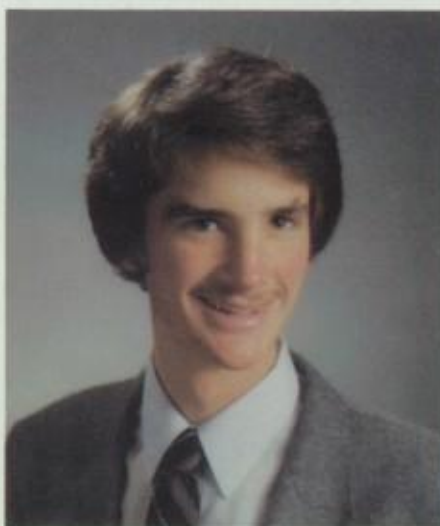


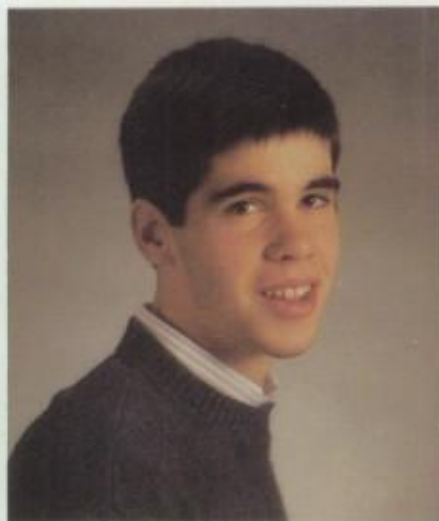
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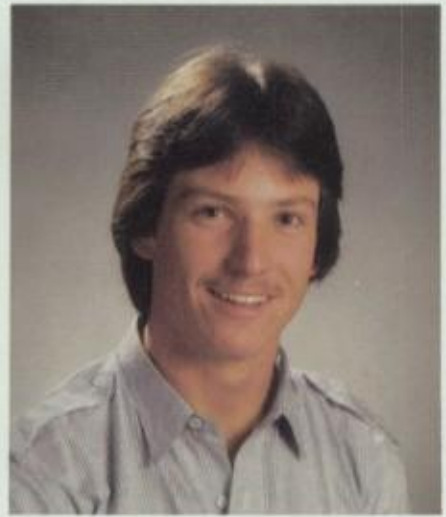
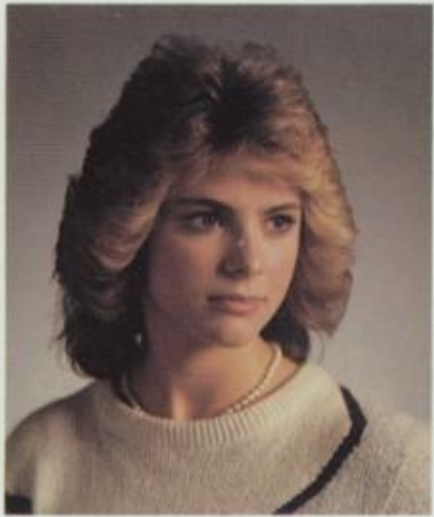
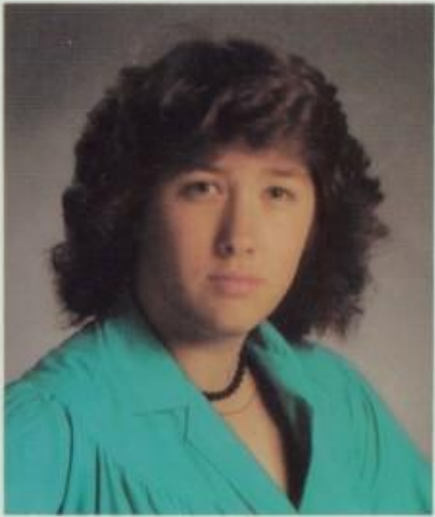
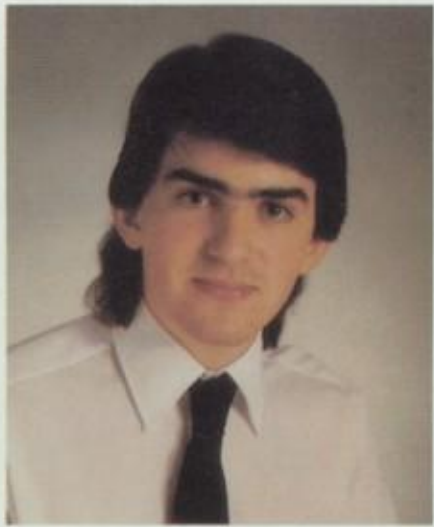
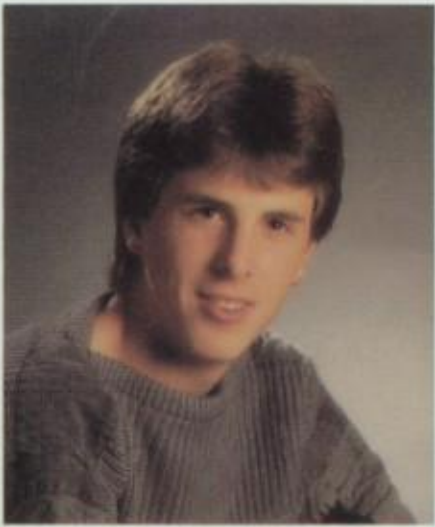


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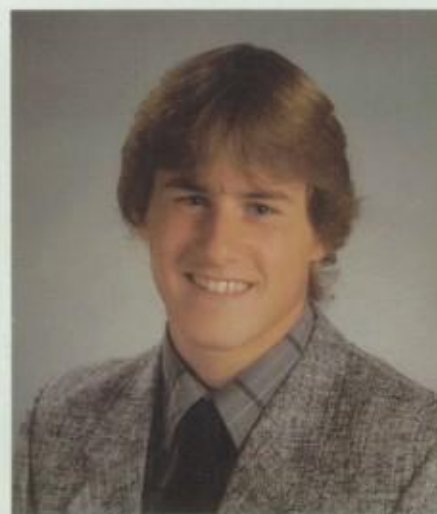
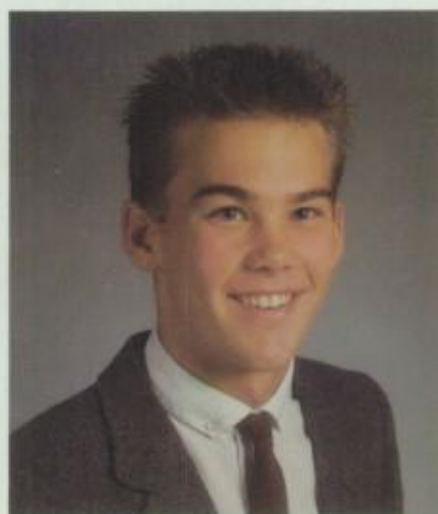
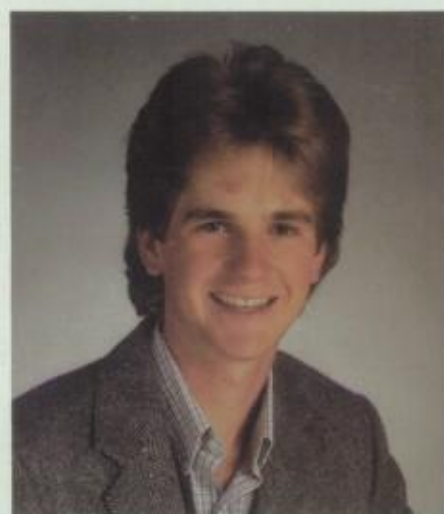
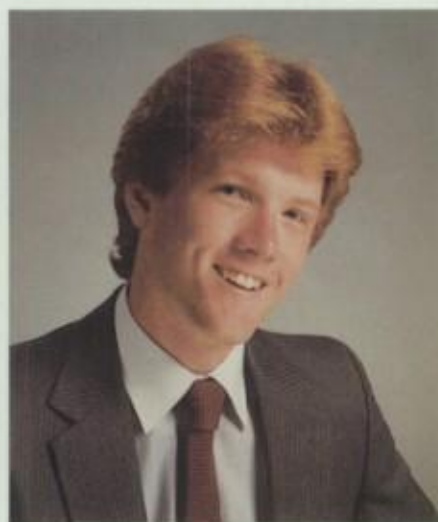
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Leah Wesche
Stephanie White

Molly Whitehead
Robert Whitney



"Yes, we are the new rock group of 1986!" "We have our own style and we plan on making it good. We stand here caught at a memorable moment to last forever."



Keith Wicks
Jeffrey Wilds
Brantley Williams
Joseph Williams

Ralph Williams
Steven Wiren
Robert Witter
Valerie Wolfskill

Lisa Wood
Jeffrey Yarroll
Joel Yeager
Walter Yi

Chong Yoon
Jeffrey Yost
Dawn Young
Mayumi Young



Tracy Young



Nicholas Zacher



Angela Zmijewski



Alicia Miller



Stacy and Mary share some new fads.

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Stuart Beall
Christopher Beasley
Brian Constable
Robert Congan
Anthony French
Christina Frisbey
Jackie Gonzales
Jerrold Howland
Sherri Hurst
Eiko Kawabe
Michelle Kolppa
John Lawson
Aaron Lipcon
Cheryl Luis
Heidi Martin
Frans Miller
Lisa Parker
Vincent Pharr
Tonia Rizer
Shannon Rodriguez
Stephen Rolinski
David Sanders



Joni nibbles on her prezel

Delala and Evette talk about their photography assignment.



We eat and smile for the camera.



1985 ASB OFFICERS

Their goal was to make a difference.

While some student officers come and others make notable contributions to the school. The 1985 - '86 A.S.B. officers are a supreme example of the more notable variety. What is it that makes a student officer stand apart from the mediocre? One thing is an officer's ability to set a common goal and successfully achieve this goal both individually and as a group. This years officers sought to make Decatur a fun and exciting place the students would attend with pride. Or as Treasurer, Tim Simon-

son more aptly puts it, "Making school a place the students want to be." Each officer worked toward this in manners appropriate with their position. Monica Stergion, Activities Coordinator did her part as she stated, "My goal was to plan fun, involved, and varied activities. I felt I achieved this through the slide show, dances, and spirit week." While Monica worked to keep Decatur a place to have fun, Todd Bernave contributed by making the school colorful and a place of fun. "I wanted to make the walls of Decatur something the whole school was proud of." He did so by creating a good deal of the posters which graced the halls of the school. Like Monica and Todd, the other officers worked together in building a better atmosphere for Decatur. It is their success in accomplishing their goal that make them such note-worthy officials.



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When working as a student officer, one can find themselves confronted with difficulties that come with the job. Meeting these problems and rising above them is what helps to build a better student official. A common problem the officers faced was the amount of work their job entailed. "I didn't realize how many small details there are

to be considered when planning an event," said Vonni Montgomery, Secretary. "All of these details take time, effort and communication with the other officers." This eventually became usual manner, as Sarah Kurtz, Community Relations Chairperson, put it, "by how well we, the A.S.B. officers, all worked together for a common goal." This was also expressed by President John Brooks. "I was really glad to see a group that was very willing to work hard and accomplish the things we

wanted to do." Attitudes like those were the key factors in this year's officers good fortune.

The new A.S.B. officers had to work with the new administration. There were at first small conflicts but John said that there was never a major problem. "As with any new situation, it takes time to get used to each other's way of thinking." Robert Witter explained how these differences came about, "Problems between supervisor and the ASB arise from lack of communication. We became so excited in our plans we neglected other responsibilities and forgot to fill in our administrators on what is happening." After all such difficulties were smoothed out the two groups worked together with a tremendous amount of efficiency.

Monica and Vonni seriously working hard on ASB ideas.

Rob Witter confers with Senior Class Secretary Bruce Leach.



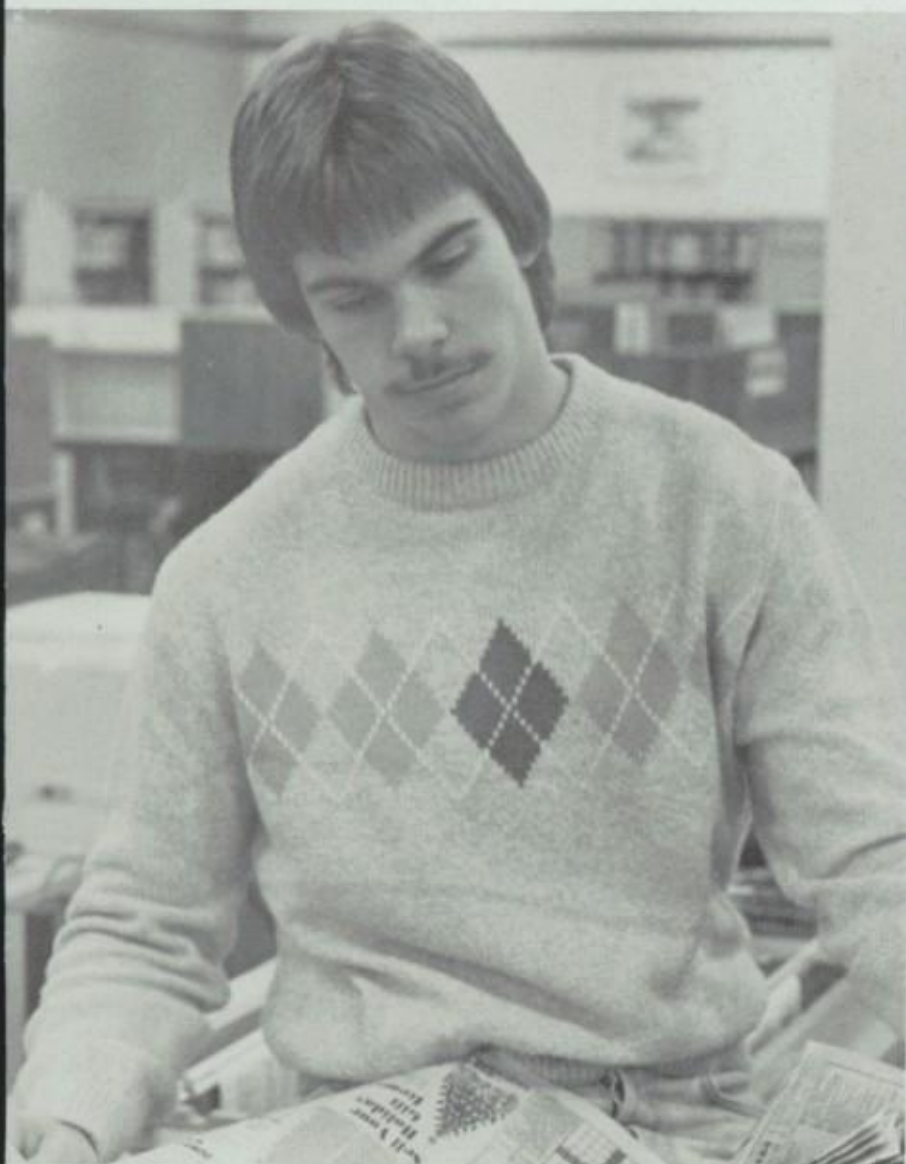
Sarah Kurtz supports the toys for tots drive in the library.



ASB Officers: Pres. John Brooks, Arts and Publicity Chairperson Todd Bernave, Treasurer Tim Simonson, Community Relations Sara Kurtz, Secretary Vanni Montgomery, Vice Pres. Rob Witter, and Activities Coordinator Monica Stergion.



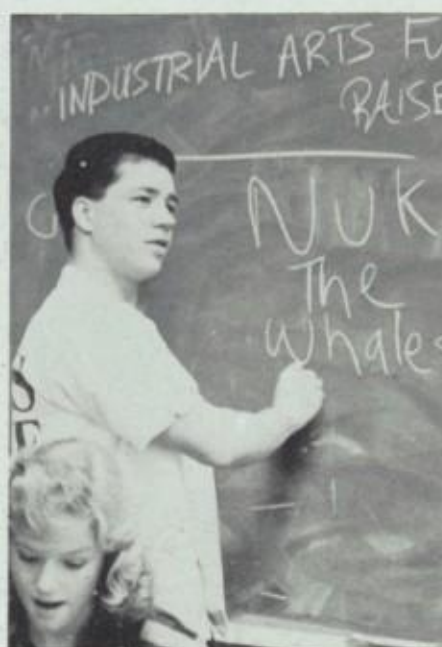
This poster is only one of many that Todd has strenuously created throughout the year.



Tim Simonson checks out the financial section of the newspaper.



Participating in the afternoon water sports, Todd and Janna row vigorously while Monica waves to the crowd.



John Brooks gets a little crazy in the ASB office.



Decatur's Rambo, Al Kim, shows us his collection in his locker.



As the theme of his locker shows, Billy Idol is one of Tom Anderson's fascinating idols.



Thanks to John Borrelli, Shelly Palmer gets a "Happy Birthday" piggy back ride to her next class.



David Starkweather flirts behind Tim Upshaw's back!



JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS



"This was the first year I had ever run for office. When I was elected class president I had no idea of the amount of work and preparation the job required. With the help of our advisors Mrs. Gervis and Ms. Carda, everything ran smoothly. We had over 400 students attend the Homecoming dance (more than in any other Decatur Homecoming) which really pleased us."

Brad Walsberg: Junior Class President



"To me, being an officer does not just mean getting up in front of the class and making a speech. I feel that being a class officer gives you a chance to get involved with the people and events of our school, throughout the year. I have enjoyed this opportunity and would like to serve again."

Tyler Ashbridge: Junior Class Vice President



"I think being a Junior Class Representative has given me more opportunities as far as participating in school affairs in concerned. Because of this, I have met and got acquainted with many leaders of the school and developed a sense of responsibility. I think this experience can transfer over to the future activities I associate myself with."

Ik Sung Chang: Junior Class Representative



Chad Warren: Junior Class Treasurer



Robby Longthorne tries to grab the attention of Kara, Krista, and Kim at a basketball game.

The three Decatur gally gals, Sandra, Donna, and Gina show a few smiles during lunch.

WHAT IF?

An amusement park in Federal Way? Who in the world ever build such a thing? Well, according to our recent survey several of DHS's juniors listed it as the one thing they would build in this town, perhaps right next to a mountain with a ski resort (I wonder how they're going to do that one!) I suppose curiosity has gotten the best of you, right? Just what did your fellow classmates

answer in response to the favorite thing that they would like to build? Mike Fournier expresses his concern for the welfare of Decatur's staff when he suggests "A retirement home for teachers, where they can go even if they don't want to retire." At the same time, Angie Eckes, and countless others have dancing on their minds when they imply "A dance club, like Encore." "A

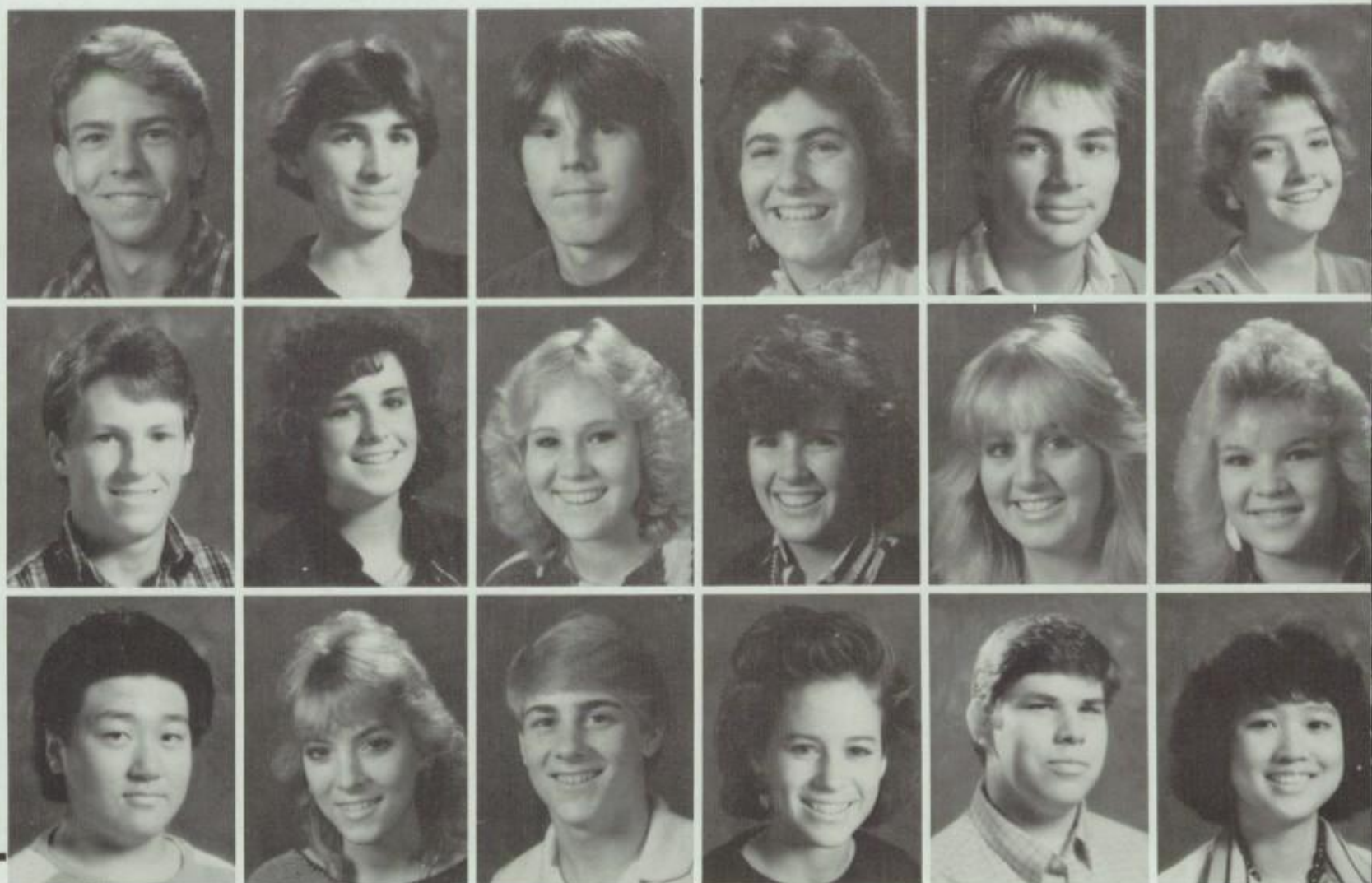
domed stadium where you can play football, soccer, and baseball at," replies one track minded, Randy Heath. Dan Weisis thinking about practical things when he mentions building a hospital, and finally, Laurel Ruelos decides that she, "Would build a place for people to meet new people, going to the mall gets old!"



Joseph Agostino
Stephen Aldrich
Will Allen
Teri Anderson
Thomas Anderson
Julie Andrews

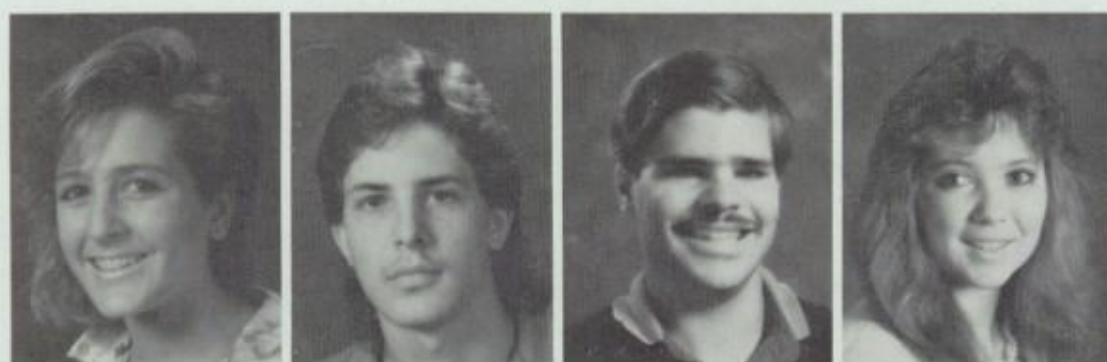
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Tami Ashby
Tina Austin
Kimberly Ayers
Donna Bacon
Janet Bailey

Jack Bang
Kimberly Barton
William Baxter
Kimberly Bemis
Aaron Bennett
Leilani Berinobis





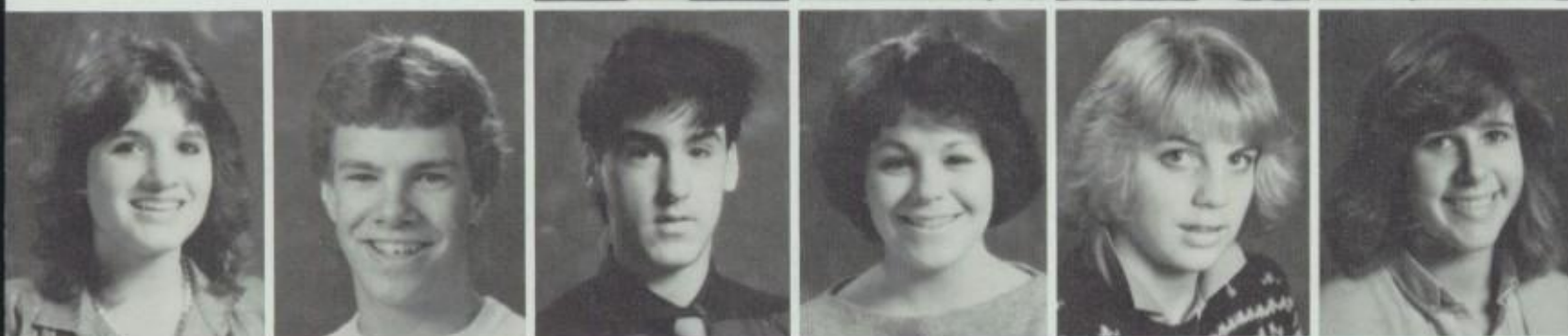
Peter Holman enjoys his donuts during his first hour class, Honors English.



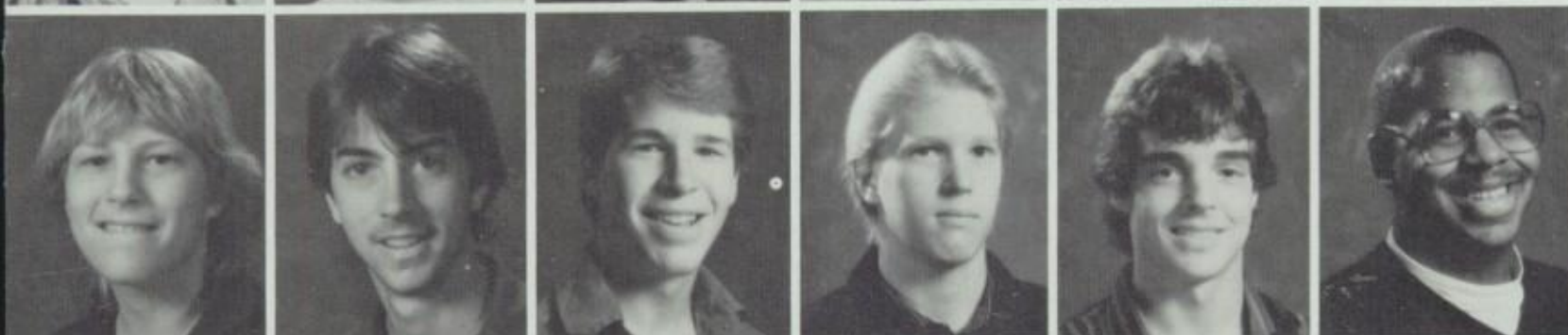
Monica Bernhardt
Richard Beuhler
Jeffery Black
Sandra Blair



Michael Borfitz
Krista Borgeson
John Borrelli
Richard Bowdin



Kristal Boyd
Russill Brenneke
Anthony Bristol
Sheila Brooks
Dawn Brophy
Georgia Brown



Trevor Brown
Timothy Bruge
Trent Bunch
David Burkard
Eric Burns
Lamont Bush



David Butorajac
Scott Byers
Lisa Caloreza
Gregory Cahill
Julie Carraway
Ryan Carter

CAN YOU IMAGINE?

...TAMI ASHBY???!

Favorite place to sit at basket-
ball game?

Very front row on the right
side.

Favorite pair of shoes?

Bright pink Reeboks.

Favorite color of chair to sit in?

Paisley print chair.



...SCOTT RUGH!!!

Favorite color of locker?

Yellow

Hottest color of shoelaces?

White

Neatest color of fire hydrant?

Red



Brian Cavanaugh
Ik Chang
Jerry Church
Tori Cicci
Charles Clayton
Michael Conlee



Michael Cozart
Patricia Cram
Rachell Crawford
Scott Cruz
Shauna Curfew
James Dahlberg



Sabrina Davenport
Angila Davis
Thoimas Davisson
Demain Dawson
Mark Decker
Holly Degram



Christopher DiLoretto
Deborah Dimico
Christopher Dodson
Vannessa Dodson
Anne Dofelmier
Elizabeth Doherty





Julie gets flowers from a not too secret admirer.



Jim Haima was quite surprised to have his picture taken.



Sally Dolak
Jason Dregson
James Druey
Shannon Duerst
Michael Dunlap
Anthony Dupraw

Angela Eckes
Kirk Eklund
Brian Ellsworth
Stephanie Ellsworth
Trey Emmett
Brian Enright

Paul Evans
Steve Fallon
Candy Fay
Kristy Ferrell
Roy Fiske
Scott Fitch

Michelle Folster
Antony Forbes
Deborah Foshage
Michael Fournier
Stacy French
Amy Friesen

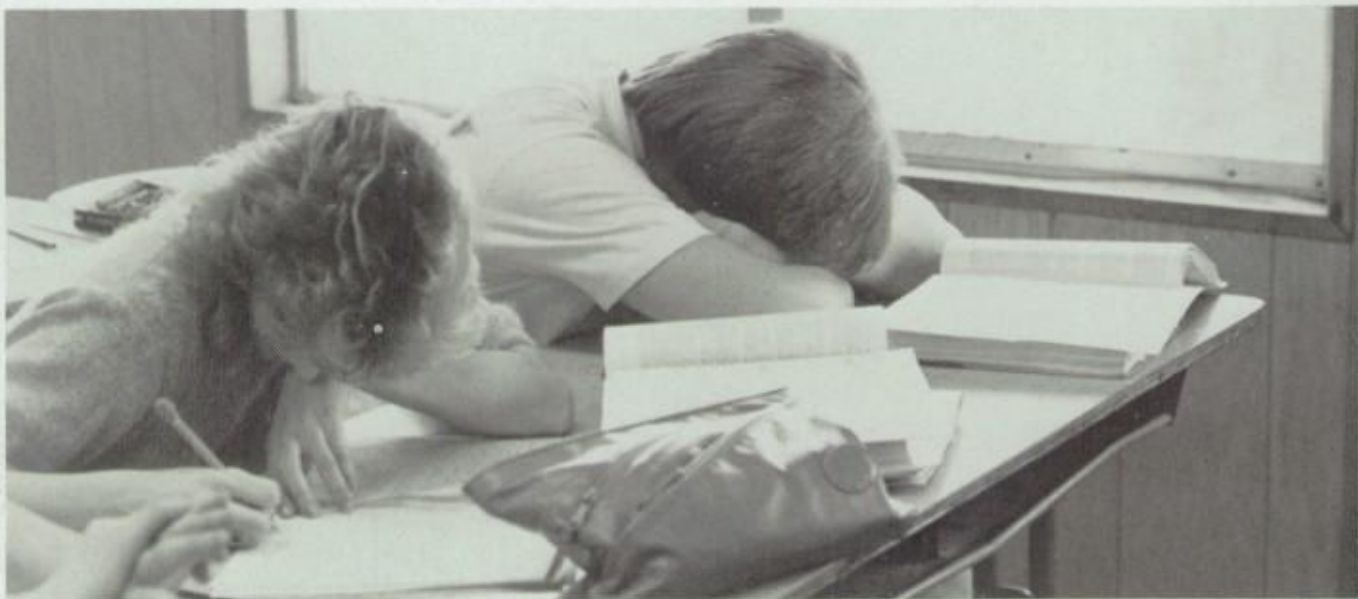
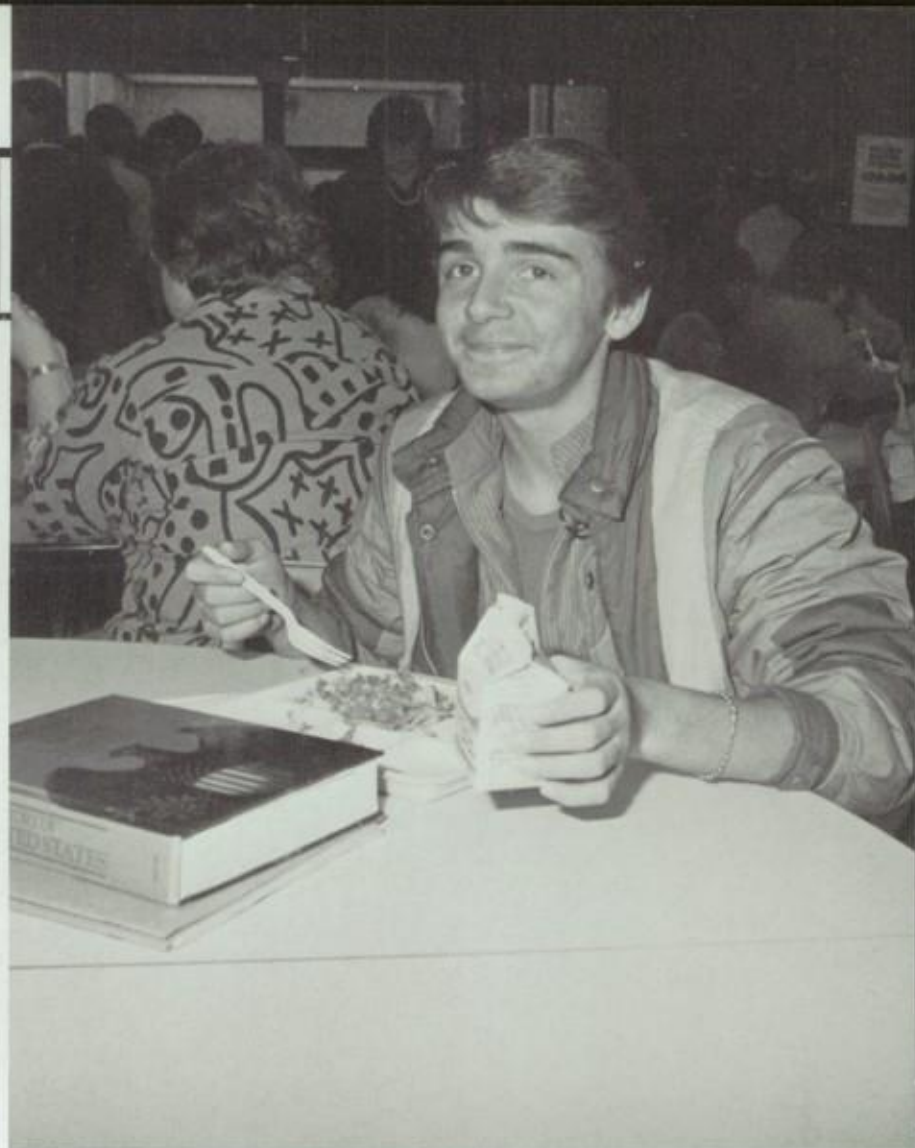
LIVING UP TO STANDARDS

Rules, rules, and more rules. Ho Hum! Breaking a rule around here can result in serious consequences, like detention or the ever feared Saturday work. We all know that some rules are not easy to follow.

"Skipping is harder this year, especially skipping assemblies," claims one anonymous Decaturite, "partially due to having a closed campus." "Getting to class on time is a hard thing for Brian Link to do, and it's equally as difficult for many of us.

Peter Holman adds that the reason for this is because, "The halls are too crowded to get through in five minutes." The solution? Bigger halls, or preferably, more time between classes!

How about you? What's your hardest rule to live by? Seems everyone finds one that just doesn't fit. Do you have rambling shoes? Are you the mad cap artist type? Or does the parking lot call out to you and entice you to visit?



Steve grabs a quick lunch and tries to get in some studying before his next hour class.

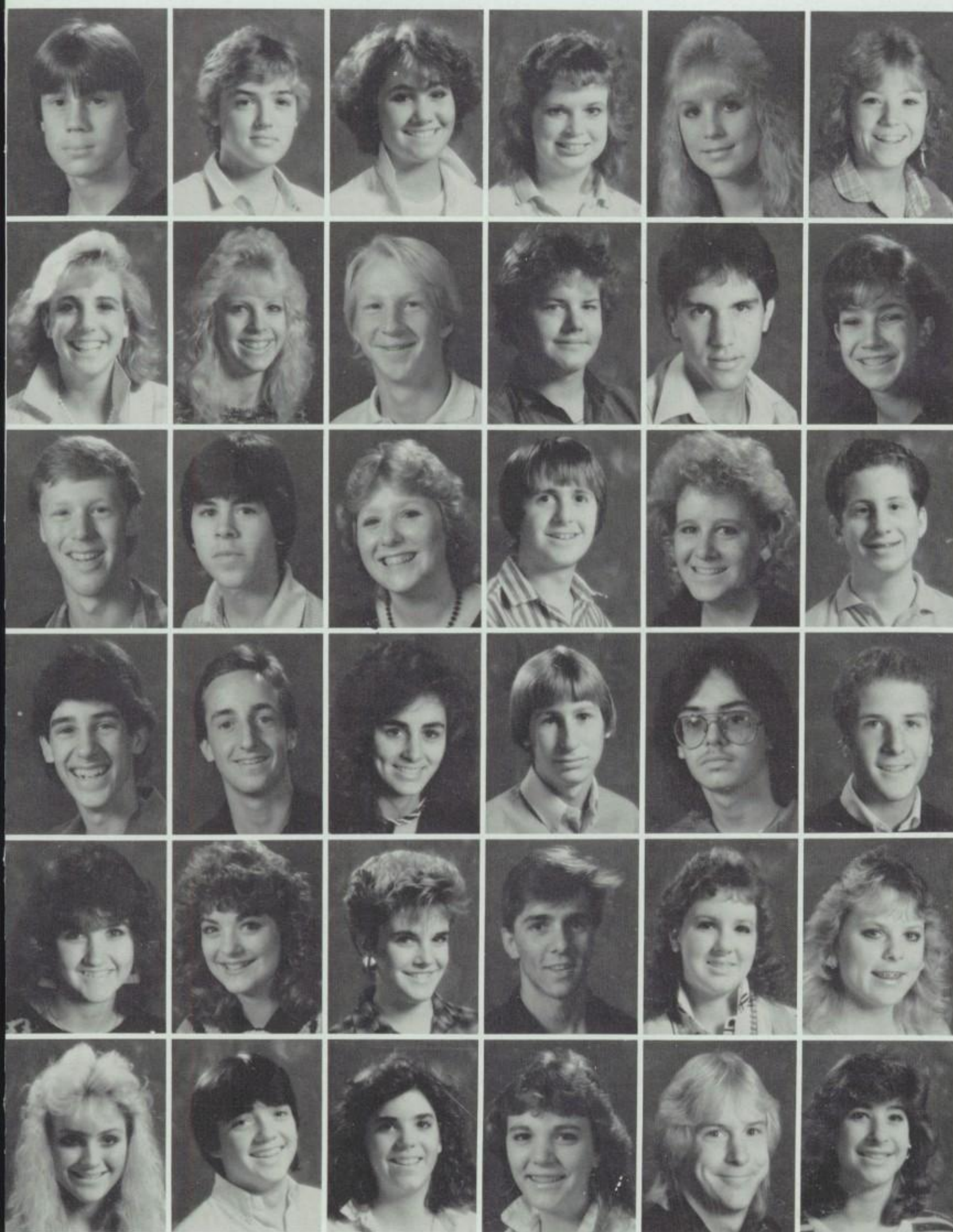
Not all Juniors are interested in U.S. history.

Debbie Fugita
Krista Fullerton
Jamie Gardner
Kelly Gardner
Mark Gemar
Ty Gemar



David Ghan
Tina Gonner
Clinton Goodfellow
Keith Goodrich
Gretchen Gove
Gary Green





Jonathon Green
Kent Green
Stacy Green
Tamara Gregory
Karen Guffy
Kristi Haggard

Jodi Hamling
Michelle Hardy
John Harlowe
Daniel Hart
Brandon Hartness
Chrystine Harvey

Bryan Hasting
Phil Hawkins
Roberta Hayes
Randall Heath
Kimberly Heider
Kevin Heiland

James Hernandez
Christopher Hewitt
Melanie Hobbs
Timothy Hoiland
Luey Holland
Peter Holman

Tammy Holman
Michelle Homer
Jennifer Horner
Brian Hoschoyer
Christie Houser
Jenny Hughes

Shannon Humphrey
Robert Hunsaker
Anne Isenmann
Lynne Jacobs
Christopher Jacobson
Heather Jay

Eric Jeffcoat
Jason Johnson
Judi Johnson
Lisa Johnson
Gary Joyner
Brian Kaiser

Michael Kawata
Robert Kellog
Jackie Kepler
Albert Kim
Jeff Kim
Son Kim



WERE YOU AWARE?



JUNIORS SPEAK . . . about some interesting things they've done in the past. Maybe, it's a hobby or something they've just decided to try. Maybe, it's exciting places they've been to or seen. Well, here's your chance to find out what really goes on in the minds of our juniors.

BRIAN ELLESWORTH . . . "Being a counselor at camp Waskowits changed the way I look at people. I see that there is some good in everyone, even though some people don't let it show. It taught me a lot about friends. The only sacrifice I made was to leave school and the people I like to be with. It was worth it because I feel I learned more about myself and people in general. . . . I believe the kids got more out of camp than I did. It introduced a lot of new emotions to them, that they never knew they had . . . I would go back if I had the chance."

KIM MADDUX . . . moved here from Van-

cover, Wa. around the end of May. So, far she thinks, "Decatur seems like a pretty good school and the people are really nice." "The people in Vancouver are a lot different from the people here." There are a lot more wavers down there and most of the people aren't as nice as they are here." One of the first thoughts she had when she entered Decatur was that there would be a lot of cliques, so the students wouldn't be involved in meeting someone new. But after the first day she realized that not everyone was that way.

STEVE FALLON . . . has traveled to many exciting places like Norway, and Germany, for six weeks. Other places he has traveled to are Canada, Idaho, Montana, Maine, Vermont, North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Toronto, New Hampshire, New York, Oregon, California, Utah, Colorado, Nebraska, Ohio, and Indiana.

Steve Kim
Tricia Kim
Keith Knapp
Corina Kuntz





Melissa Kuver
Steven Labard
Steven Ladue
Kenneth Landreth
Tony Langdon
Holly Larsen

Nathan Larson
Charles Lasseter
Becky Lavin
Debra Leach
Steve Lee
Stacey Lein

Jodi Lemaster
Tom Levack
Jill Lightner
Candy Lilley
Patricia Lindenmuth
Brian Link

David Lockhark
Robert Longthorne
Joseph Lorenz
Renee Lorenz
Scott Lyons
Kimberly Maddux

Robin Mahlman
Michael Malon
Theresa Mann
Dana Marks
Kara Massey
Christina Mathias

Tami McBride
David McBurney
Christine McCauley
Ann McClain
Jim McClain
Gina McClure

Mark McConnehey
 Stacie McDonald
 Lawrence
 McDonnell
 Stacey McGillivray
 Lonnie McGuire
 Staci McKelvey



Shelley McLaughlin
 Denise Meixner
 Tina Mensching
 Jarrett Mentink
 Christopher Merkt
 Craig Mikkila



Marit Millard
 John Miller
 Timothy Miller
 Stephanie Moilanen
 Trena Moore
 Heidi Murphy



Christina Myers
 Caroline Nanavich
 Karen Needham
 Joe Nguyen
 Chad Nickless
 Kimberly Nock

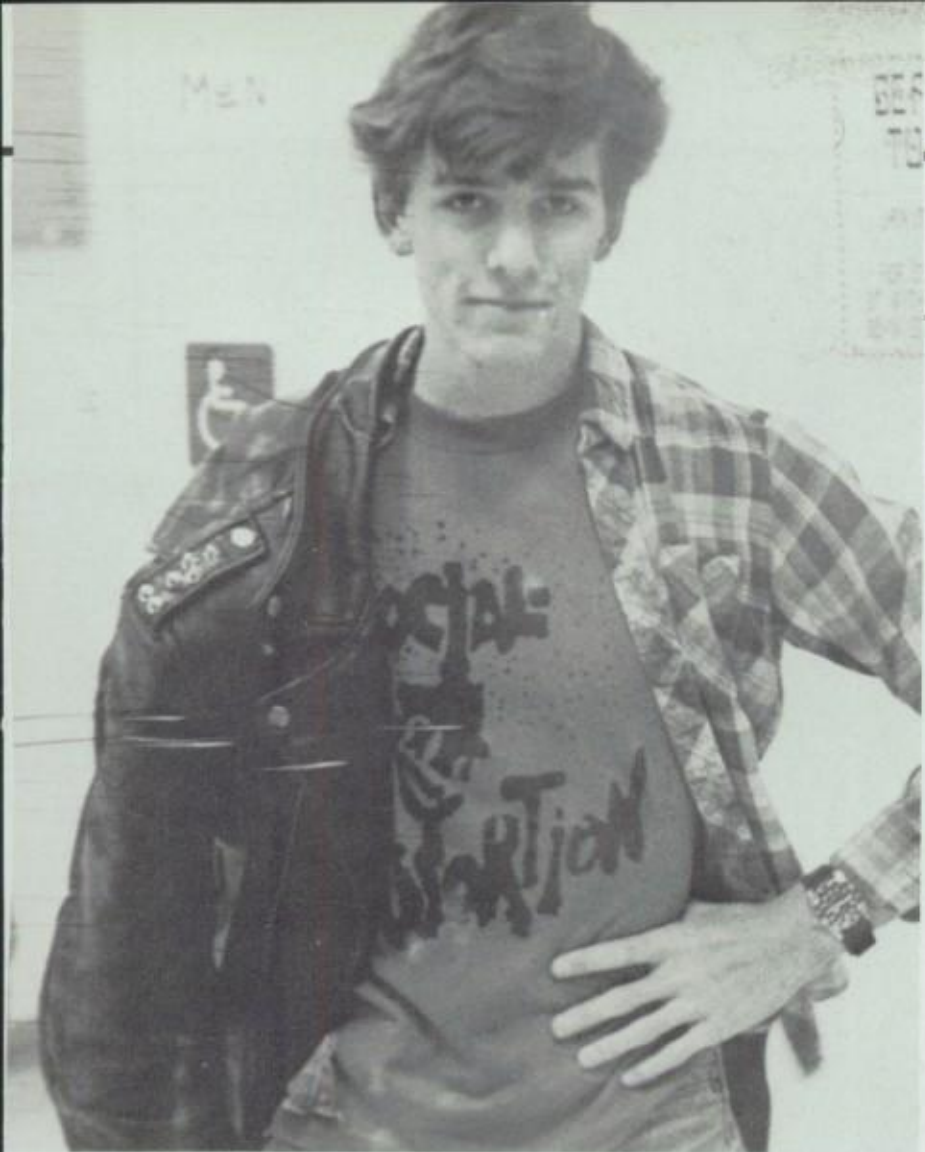


Holly Noland
 Troy Norland
 Kenneth Novak
 Ilene Noway
 Kathleen O'Brien
 Molly O'Donnell



Todd Olsen
 Cheryl Olson
 Michael Olson
 Heather Orcutt
 Lehua Ortiz
 Michelle Palmer





In the Middle

The best part of the sandwich

Ah, junior year. For many a time of confusion. They're not the babies of the school whom everyone teases, nor are they the ones who do all the teasing. Just like the center of a sandwich, juniors are smacked in-between two pieces of bread, otherwise known at this school as sophomores and seniors. Is this the way Decatur juniors feel?

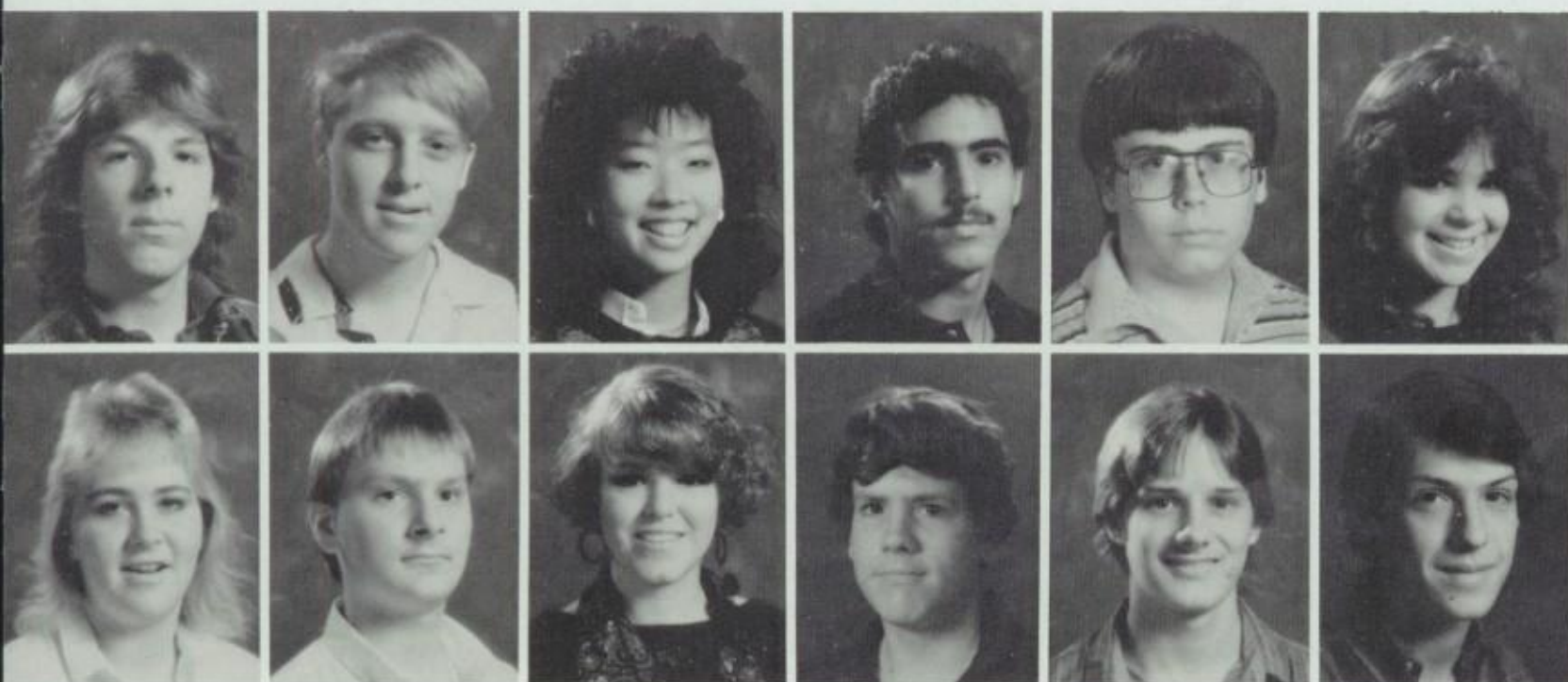
Mike Suveges explains his point of view, "You don't have the freedoms of a senior, you're older than the soph's and most juniors don't like to associate

with them. You're stuck in the middle, and everything seems to be unfair." Laurel Ruelos comments that "It's a weird because you're not a senior, so you can't get a way with stuff, but it's good because you're not a sophomore."

Brian Hoschouer adds that "Being a junior, or being in the middle doesn't bother me at all. I was waiting for this year so I could have some pull over the sophomores, like they (juniors) did to us last year. We're finally getting some recognition."

Last but not least, Monica Bernhardt pledges her true loyalty to the class of '87. "It is really fun because we are not on the bottom anymore and we are not at the point where we have to worry about what we are going to do when we leave Decatur. I know for sure that our Class-(whether sophomores, juniors, or seniors) is full of very special people."

"Two-four-six-eight! We think football games are great!" says out three experts Lonnie, Rosie, and Molly.



Charles Parsons
Donald Payne
Flora Penning
Steven Perez
David Perry
Christina Peterson

Jodi Peterson
Christopher Pettitt
Angela Pierce
James Pierce
James Polomis
Joseph Prater

Diane Pratt
 Susan Purton
 Diane Purts
 Brian Randolph
 Drew Rankin
 Christopher Ray



Garret Ray
 Michele Reed
 Debora Reeder
 Michael Regan
 Sandra Reintsma
 David Richard



Colleen Richter
 Denise Riedner
 Shannon Risley
 Norma Robinson
 Patrick Rollosson
 Kristi Rowan



Daniel Rubert
 Laurel Ruelos
 Scott Rugh
 Terence Rush
 Antony Russell
 Scott Rutter



Rachelle Ruvalcaba
 Danille Salzetti
 Curtis Sanders
 James Sanders
 Bryan Sandoval
 Lisa Schatz



Douglas Schloer
 Connie Schmidt
 Adam Schmitt
 Michelle Schulte
 Brenda Scott
 William Severns





Darrin Shannon
Lawrence Shenk
Melinda Sheridan
Melissa Sheridan
Julie Smith
Mechelle Smith

Erik Smits
Jae So
Jeong So
Jenny Spiva
Kelly Sproat
Joseph St. Andrews

John Staab
Dave Starkweather
Kimberly Steeley
Leslie Steincipher
Julie Stenersen
Tim Sterling

Stephanie Stimpson
Timothy Stokely
Paul Sirohrmann
Michael Suveges
Shelly Tanske
Lonnie Taylor

Todd Taylor
Daniel Telford
Maria Thiruvathukal
Mary Thompson
Clark Thomason
Melissa Thompson

Fred Tolmasoff
Keith Tomlinson
Jodi Tullos
Timothy Upshaw
Michelle Valdez
Sharon Velie

BICYCLE RACING.

ROBBY LONGTHORNE

Robby has been involved in bike racing for over a year. He used to ride around with friends and then Sean Anderson talked him into racing.

He races for Edgewood Bike Shop and has participated in 50 races this last summer. He's been in two nationals and qualified for a gold cup. He races in Sumner, WA in the summer and Monroe Fairgrounds in the winter. He got second place in the ABA Canadian-American race in January of '85 and third place in the Gold Cup qualifier nationals last year. He has about 25 trophies from intermediate races.

Some of the things he likes best about racing are winning, riding the track, and the atmosphere. A few of the things he likes the least crashing and losing.



Christopher Vernon
Timothy Voth
Julie Vraspir
Cheryl Wagner
Lori Wahlers
Geoffrey Wallis



Brad Walsberg
Linda Wang
Tim Ward
Gary Warder
Chad Warren
Mimi Wei

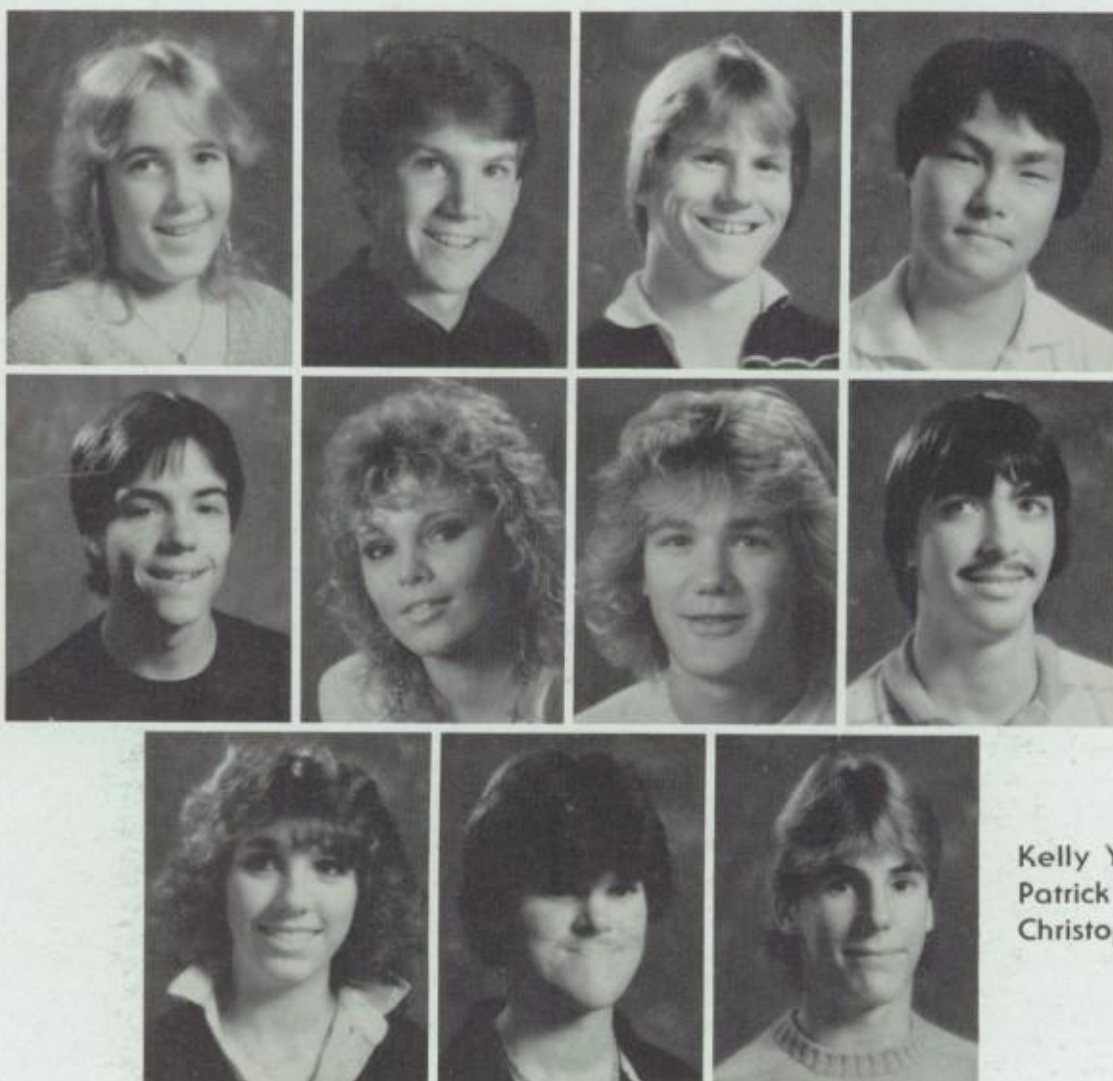


Daniel Weis
Debbie White
James Whirlatch
Kristina Whitney
Douglas Williamson
Jonelle Williamson





Kenny Landreth has a tough time waking up for that early morning 7:30 class.



Kimberly Whittenmyer
Jeffrey Witter
John Wolf
Sang Won

Christopher Wood
Lisa Woodhead
Robert Workman
Mike Yenne

Kelly Young
Patrick Zomagne
Christopher Zeigen

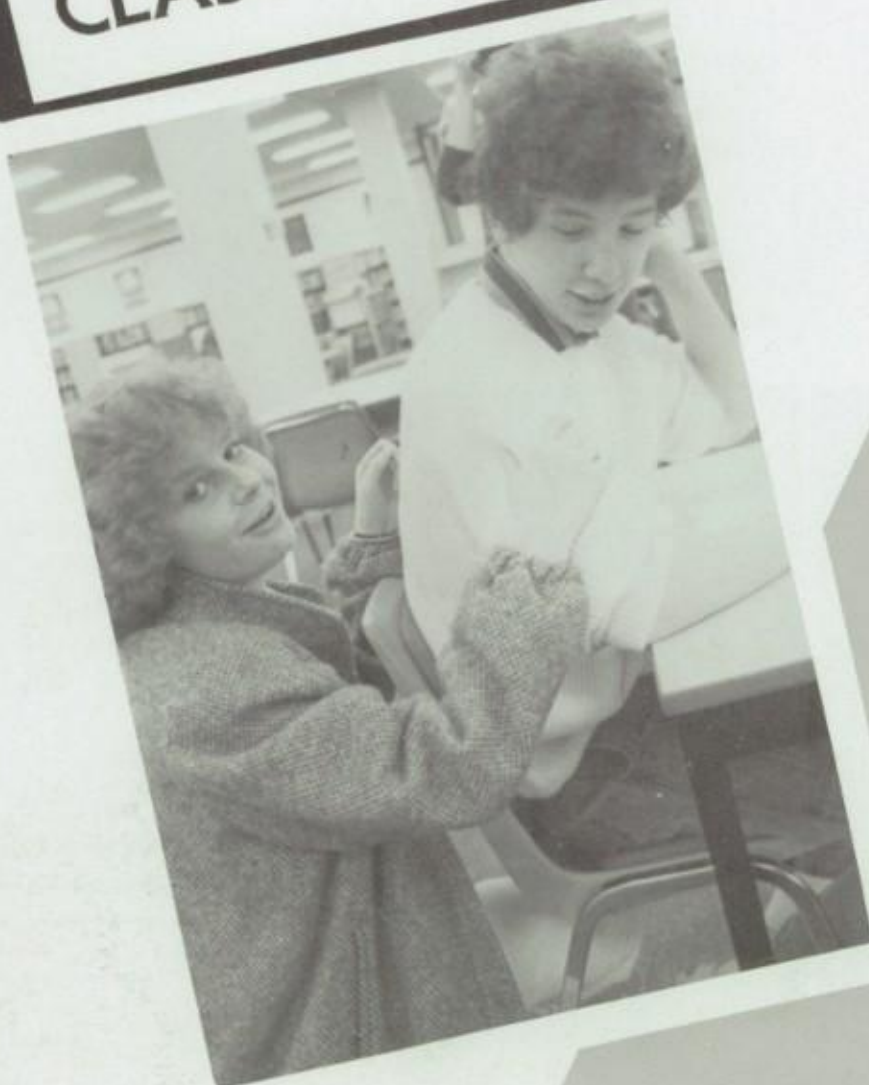
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David Andrews
Lisa Barich
David Blackburn
Florence Bosley
Jeffrey Buck
Pamella Cain
Westley Day
Michelle Diaz
Patricia Diaz
Jay Duke
Scott Edwards
Darrin Eklund
Lauri Ferguson
Deborah Field
Cassie Finedore
Wayne Fisher

Guy Gildner
Mark Gosselin
James Haima
Christopher Harrow
Marcus Henry
Cory Herricks
Robin Hill
Danny Hollrah
Angela Holmboe
John Hwang
Edward Ireland
Leslie Jacobs
Robert James
Scott Jensen
Jeffrey Jones
Robert Fordan
Brian Kennedy
Christopher Klobutcher

Lee Mark
Cameron Lemon
Dennis Mallow
Marlo McGraw
Jeffrey Neaves
Dawn Overbeck
Vernon Rhodes
Jason Ruth
Janis Schnaitman
Laura Shaw
Verna Smith
Christopher Tallman
Eric Tallman
Robin Wagster
Katrina Wamba
Donald Ward
Timothy Woolard
Scott Zandtelli

Unlisted Juniors

CLASS OF '88



Deana Zittel, jokingly reassures her friend, Timothy Ward.

Butch Carda concentrates as he tries to understand Spanish.



Shannon Krueger lends a helping hand to Debbie Chapmen in French class.



Timothy Papineau calls Mom, his transportation home.



Tanya Olson acknowledges one of Decorators talented photographers.



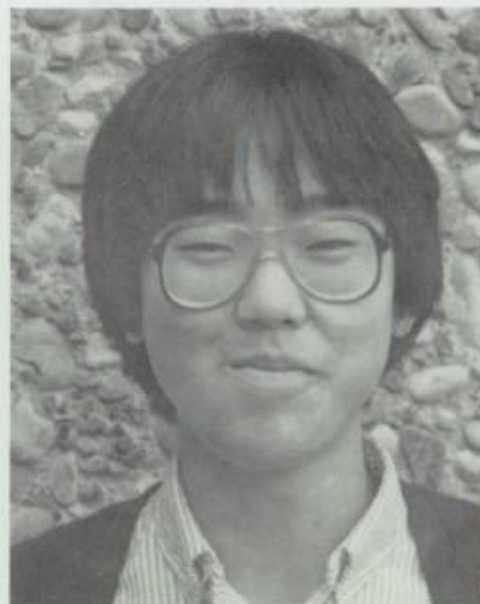
SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS



Alec Cheung-President Alec plans to gain a lot of experience as class president.



Chou Liu-Vice-President Chou enjoys Decorating and plans to achieve many goals.



Mark Choon-Secretary/Treasurer Mark wants to see a lot of involvement in the sophomore class.



Tammy Weissman-Class Representative Tammy hopes her leadership experience will help her in her future.



Veravanh Phantichob studies Lee Erickson's artistic techniques.

Josh, Adrian, and Brian make this picture worth a thousand words.

MAT-6

This is only a test . . .

Another test was added to the battery already given, and the lucky recipients were the sophomores. It was a test required by the state legislature for all 4th, 8th and 10th graders in Washington. The test was a MAT-6 (Metropolitan Achievement Test). The "ordeal" lasted two days and was about four hours long. Jolayne Southworth thought "it was fun and we were getting alot of breaks."

The test was to measure student achievement in English and Math. "The sample questions were really easy," said Debby Thabes, "but the ones that counted weren't. It didn't bother me because I knew it wasn't graded."

The testing was interrupted by Sophomore elections and a questionnaire administered by Ms. Renrick. After what seemed like an eternity, a dazed and drained group of students filed out. Most felt it wasn't something they'd like to do again very soon. It was one of those things you do because you're told "it's good for you." (like brussel sprouts!)

Tammy Hunsaker was one of the lucky sophomores to take the testing.



April Agnew
Katrina Ahrens
Russell Aley
Eric Aman
Bridget Ambrose
Victoria Anable



Chris Anderson
Cynthia Anderson
Jamie Anderson
Kenneth Anderson
Quinn Anderson
Blake Aynes



Jodine Baker
Cheryl Baldwin
Heather Barrett
Jana Battin
Wade Baxter
Hilary Bennett



Jeffrey Berg
Troy Bertch
Kimberly Bicknell
Mark Billings
April Bloomfield
Jonathan Blue





April Bloomfield, not just another pretty face.

A quartet of sophomores, show their school spirit.



Wendy Bogle
Victoria Bowen
Christopher Brown
Duane Brown
Leland Brown
Trisha Brown

Ronald Buchanan
Neal Buckner
Dean Budinich
James Burns
Michelle Burris
Diana Byrd

Kelly Byrnes
Susan Cannell
Mark Carda
Melissa Caswell
Mary Cavanaugh
Yun Sang Cha

Brenda Chalcraft
Debra Chapman
Krista Chell
Alexander Cheung
Mark Choon
James Christianson

By the time sophomores reach the legal driving age they have worked themselves into a frenzy of excitement dreaming of greater independence and their own cars. In their happiness, they often don't realize driving isn't a simple process, but one that requires skill and practice. These 10th graders described some of their more harrowing experiences.

Lore Deighton-"As I was leaving the parking space at Prairie Market, I forgot to put the car into drive. I kept going backwards, while my mom was hysterically screaming, "Stop" I stopped just before backing onto Highway 99."

Kelly Christianson
Matthew Clark
Stephen Coles
Jason Colwell
Christin Cook
Susan Cook



David Cooper
Jeffery Cordick
Ralph Cornish
Tami Cowan
Beverly Cowell
Stefan Crabtree



Frenzy of excitement

A trip to the library inspires Skye Fields to do his best work.

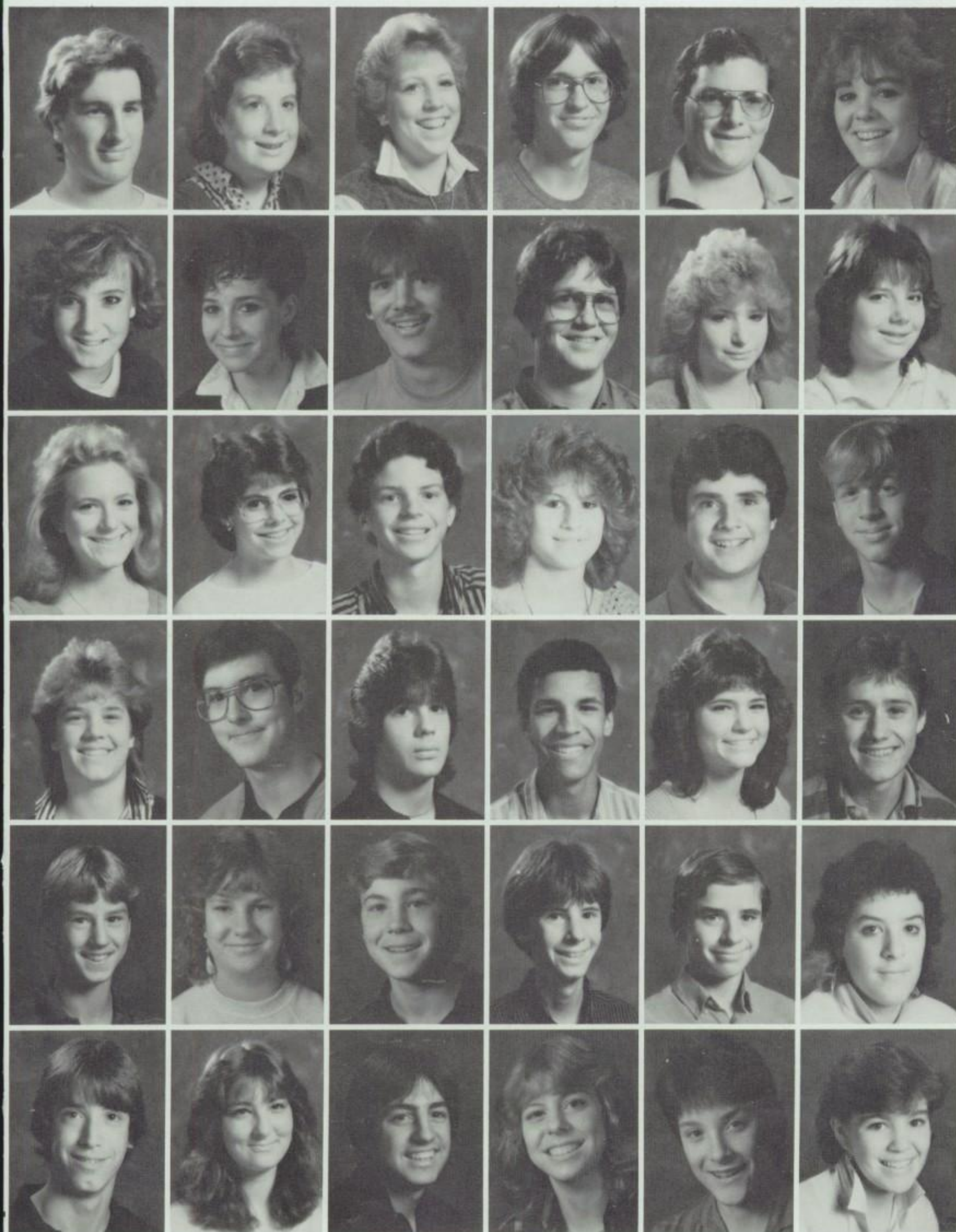


Mike Treciak-"I was driving a car with four of my friends, the car belonging to one of them. I ran into a telephone pole and messed up the front end, my friend didn't even care."

Rachelle Craig
James Davidson
Sabrina Dawson
Jonathon Day



Greg Herringshaw, is hard at work in his Spanish class.



Christopher De
Poorter
Lorraine Deighton
Traci Dennis
Darrin Dexheimer
Thomas Dierking
Taunia Doll

Bonnie Donich
Susannah Dooley
Benjamin Doolin
Evan Draeger
Kelly Dufour
Shannon Duke

Chris Duvall
Kathy Eavenson
James Edwards
Stephanie Eidinger
Bradley Eisenbeis
Lee Erickson

Nicole Erickson
Keith Erskine
Greg Fanyak
Kevin Favors
Jennifer Ferari
Skye Fields

Brad Fiorito
Brooke Flattum
Timothy Gabler
Aaron Gallagher
Thomas Gapp
Jill Gardiner

Greg Garner
Anastasia Garton
William Gauthier
Nancy Geisler
Michael Gettle
Kristina Gilmore

Kimberly Gladhill
 Matthew Gogolin
 Gerri Goodman
 Darrin Gorham
 Brian Graul
 Dan Gray



John Grengs
 Chrissy Griffith
 Heidi Guffy
 Michelle Gulbransen
 Dan Gullikson
 Troy Hager



Deanna Haight
 Jo Hall
 Laura Hall
 Nicole Hall
 Scott Hall
 Raymond Hamling



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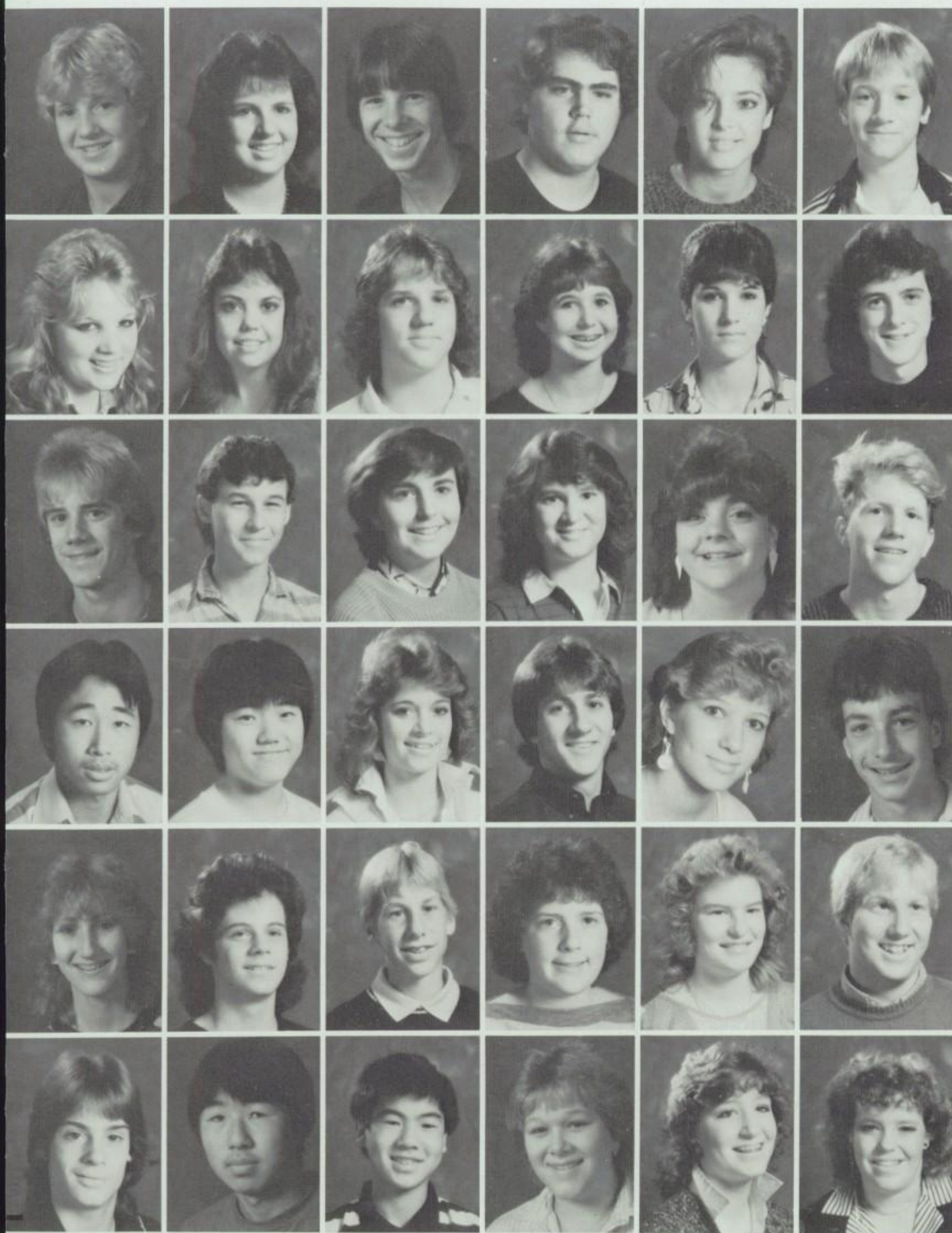


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 Shannon Helmer
 Deanne Henderson
 Alan Herold
 Gregory
 Herringshaw
 Kyle Hines



Michael Holmes
 Richard Hoppers
 Melissa Hosey
 Cindie House
 Tammy Hunsaker
 Suzanne Huntoon





Steve Hussey
Deana Huteson
Steve Ingram
Erik Isaacson
Michelle Jackson
Doug Jenkins

Liesa Jensen
Tanya Jensen
Bud Johnson
Jennifer Johnson
Kimberly Johnson
Michael Johnson

Rob Jungmann
Chris Karn
Adrienne Kelley
Annmarie Kellogg
Megan Kelly
Dan Kexel

Chong Kim
John Kim
Lisa Kinman
Matthew Kraft
Shannon Kruger
Timothy Kroboth

Polly Kurtz
Richard Lampman
Jeff Landskov
Mari Jo Larson
Kimberly Lawrence
Shawn Le Prowse

William Ledger
Jeong Lee
Joon Lee
Michelle Lee
Marsha Lenberg
Denise Levitt

Matthew Levy
Jason Ley
Brian Lingenfelter
Kenneth Lisoski
Chou Liu
Elizabeth Loewe



Nathan Lomboy
Ralph Lowell
Teresa Ludwig
Kevin Lyons
Ward MacPhail
Keiley Madison



Gina Maio
Christopher Maley
Devon Manier
Kasey Manning
Anthony Marshall
Andrew
Masenheimer



David Mason
Robby Matthiesen
Tammy Mayeux
Mike McClure
Regina McCoy
Denise McHenry



David McKee
Stephen McKenna
Charlotte McKenzie
Lisa McNeil
Marlene Melsness
Evangeline Mercado



Deanna Meyers
Jeni Michelinie
Robert Middleton
Brian Miller
Cary Miller
John Miller





First Occupations

When I grow up . . .

We've sat around as children, burned out on Sesame Street, wondering what in the world we are going to do when we "grow up". Being in high school, our thoughts have become more realistic, but selected sophomores reflect back humorously at their first proposed occupations.

Lee Endeson: "I played soccer when I was eight years old. I really liked it and was going to be a 'pro' when I grew up."

Robert Wells: "I was going to be a policeman - they were always good guys and I thought they never got hurt."

Stephanie approves of Nikki Hall's school work.

Kelly instructs Jeff on the proper way to spend the lunch period.

Joon Lee studies during his free time.



Michael Miller
Bart Milner
John Minerich
Jonathan Minturn
Michael Muckel
Jennifer Mullins

Steven Murphy
Gregory Murray
Amy Myers
Adrian Nelson
Darren Neville
Lisa Nickless

School day Memories

Below the Knees . . . "I remember I was so small when I began school that it seemed like I couldn't see anything but knees."-Jeff Vander Hoeven

First Grade Fame . . . "One day I broke my arm after falling off the bars at recess. I got to ride in an ambulance to the hospital. The whole class sent get well notes and later signed my cast. It was great! I made lots of new friends."-Melissa Caswell

Shy and Scared . . . "We had only just moved to the U.S. and my first day of school was awful! I cried all day. I couldn't speak English and I didn't know a single person."-Alec Cheung

Sweethearts . . . "A boy in Kindergarten hit me in the back with an airplane. I just thought it was trash and threw it away. Somehow the airplane meant he liked me and we ended up sweethearts. That meant we were supposed to chase each other around at recess."-Jackie Gonzales

Kathy arrives for an exciting day at Decatur.

Victoria Bowen; a modern-day madame Curie.

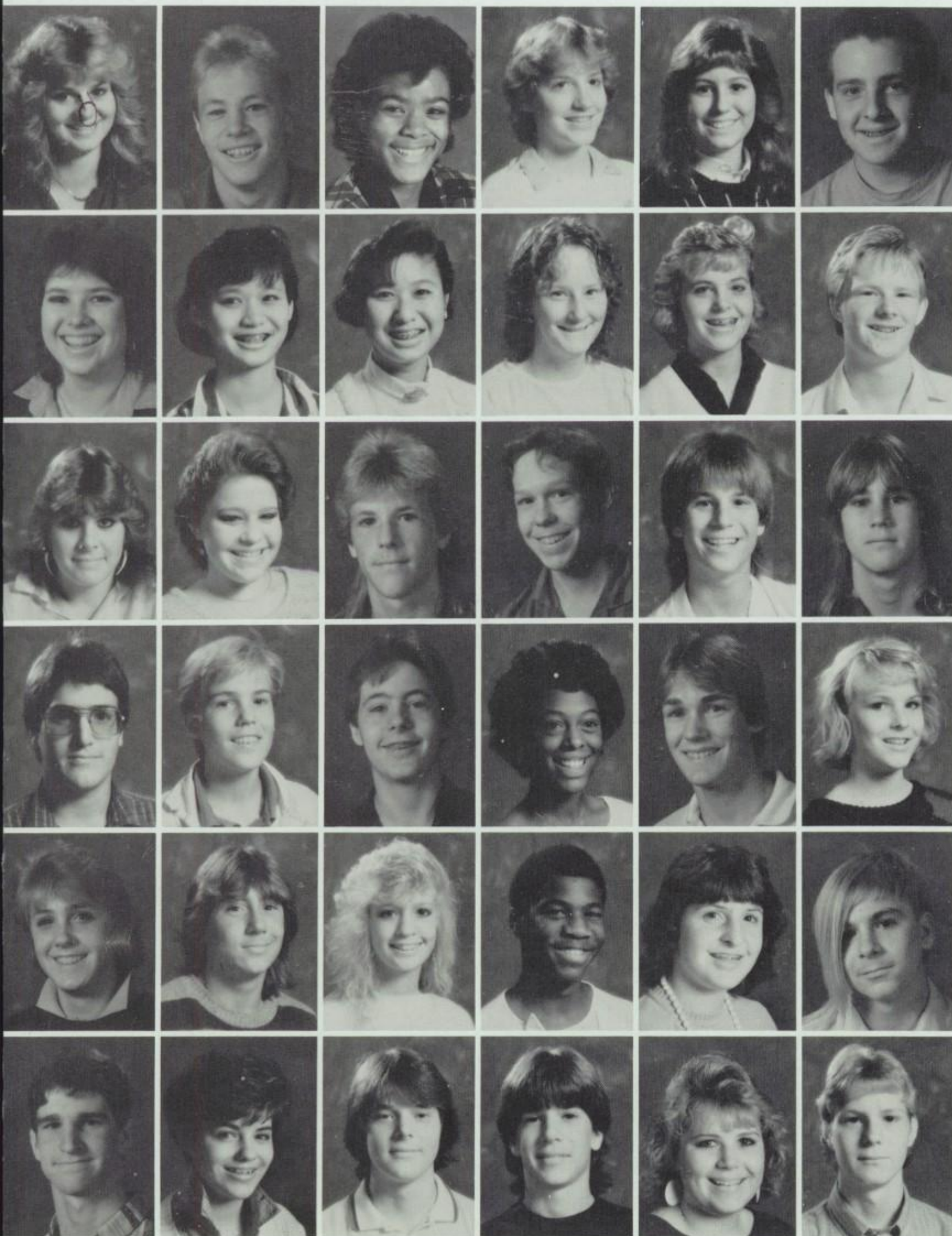
Lisa, Taunia, and Marsha enjoy those delicious school lunches.



Nancy Noland
Nicole Nordblad
Tiffany Norton
Mark Nowels
Ronald Nowoy
Kathy Nugent

Aaron O'Donnell
Shane O'Donnell
Carmen Oettlin
Tanya Olson
Robert Pabst
Timothy Papineau





Brandi Parker
 Brian Parker
 Jennifer Parker
 Donna Parsons
 Kristina Pauw
 Thomas Payne

Michelle Peters
 Vantana Phantichob
 Veravanh
 Phantichob
 Kristine Pistole
 Erica Pitts
 Daryle Plazola

Shannon Polomis
 Michelle Prange
 Joshua Puckett
 J R Purvine
 John Racz
 Todd Rankin

Richard Ratcliff
 Jeffery Richards
 Rob Richards
 Len Riley
 Shirell Rivers
 Karen Rom

Alayne Rott
 Chris Rueb
 Michelle Running
 Douglas Sandles
 Linda Sanford
 Micah Schleder

Kurt Schmidt
 Stephanie Schroeder
 Joseph Scott
 Tom Scott
 Debbie Scoville
 Todd Seiber

Memorable birthdays

The sophomores were asked to recall their most vivid birthday memories. We wanted to know all the details of special events which occurred and favorite gifts received.

Michelle Gulbransen-"My 10th birthday fell on Friday the 13th. Lots of people came over. While we were playing in the attic apartment, a big storm came up with wind and lightning. We told stories and scared ourselves to death!"

Nicole Nordblad-"During my 13th birth-

day, I was on restriction for talking back to my parents. My parents took me to the Monroe County Fair and then made me stay in my room for the rest of the day. I turned into a teenager; Whoopedoo!"

Debbie Chapmen-"I had my first birthday party with all my friends when I was 9 years old. My mom hated the hassle of parties but I finally talked her into having one for me."

Sabrina Dawson and Jon Day enjoy each others' company after school.

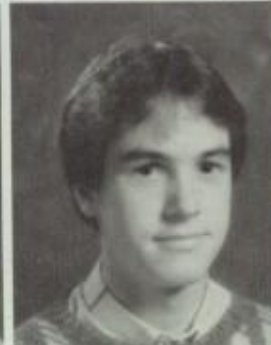
Matt Clark, Kelly Waldroop and Butch Carda, pose for a picture in between class time.



Michael Sennott
Mark Shaffer
Chris Shank
Tracy Shannon
Wendy Shriver
Carl Siegle

Joe Simmons
Micheal Sims
Michelle Sims
Anna Skrabak
Jenny Sloan
Steve Slostad

Kevin Smith
Michael Smothers
Jeong So
Jolayne Southworth
William Staab
Susan Stallard





Katrina Thamert spends her spare time in the library preparing for her world history class.



Tim and Jim are trying hard to decide whether or not to eat lunch.



Deborah Stanley
Dixie Steele
Shannon Steele
Larry Steele



Edward Steffe
Jon Steincipher
Kari Stenersen
Michael Stivers



Shannon Stragier
Trace Strickland
Kari Sullivan
Devin Sunday
Angela Sutter
Roderick Tapia



Erin Tauscher
Troy Taylor
Tony Teske
Katrina Thamert
Debra Thaves
Julian Thomas



Kerry Tierney
Scott Tiffany
Steven Till
Brett Tousley
Ronald Tracy
Tra Tran

A series of firsts.

MY FIRST PERM

"I liked my first grade teacher a lot and I thought her hair was beautiful, so my mom gave me a perm (just like my teacher's). It turned out all puffy and frizzed." -Heather Rom

MY FIRST TIED SHOE

"I first learned how to tie shoes on a shoe that was nailed to a board my teacher had made. She had puppets out all the time, including a stuffed whale she would make sing to the class." -Nancy Noland

TINY TEACHER

"My first teacher was the tiniest person I'd ever met. She was only a little taller than me, and I was only six." -Gina Maio

MY FIRST DAY

"My first day of kindergarten was terrible! I came home crying because I didn't learn how to read." -Brian Woerle.

Bridget, Mike, and Heather share a friendly embrace.



Michael Treciak
Ruth Trendall
Steven Trivette
Megan Tuche
Eva Tuxbury
Doreen Tyler



Mark Underwood
Paul Undlin
Jeff Vander
Hoeven
Adam Wade
Kelly Waldroop
Herbert Walker



Tracey Walker
Jason Wallis
Michael Wang
Brent Warwick
Jeffery Weddle
Tammy Weissman



Robert Wells
Todd Wells
Katherine Welsh
Jenyfer Westlind
Tobin Weymiller
Lori Wheeler



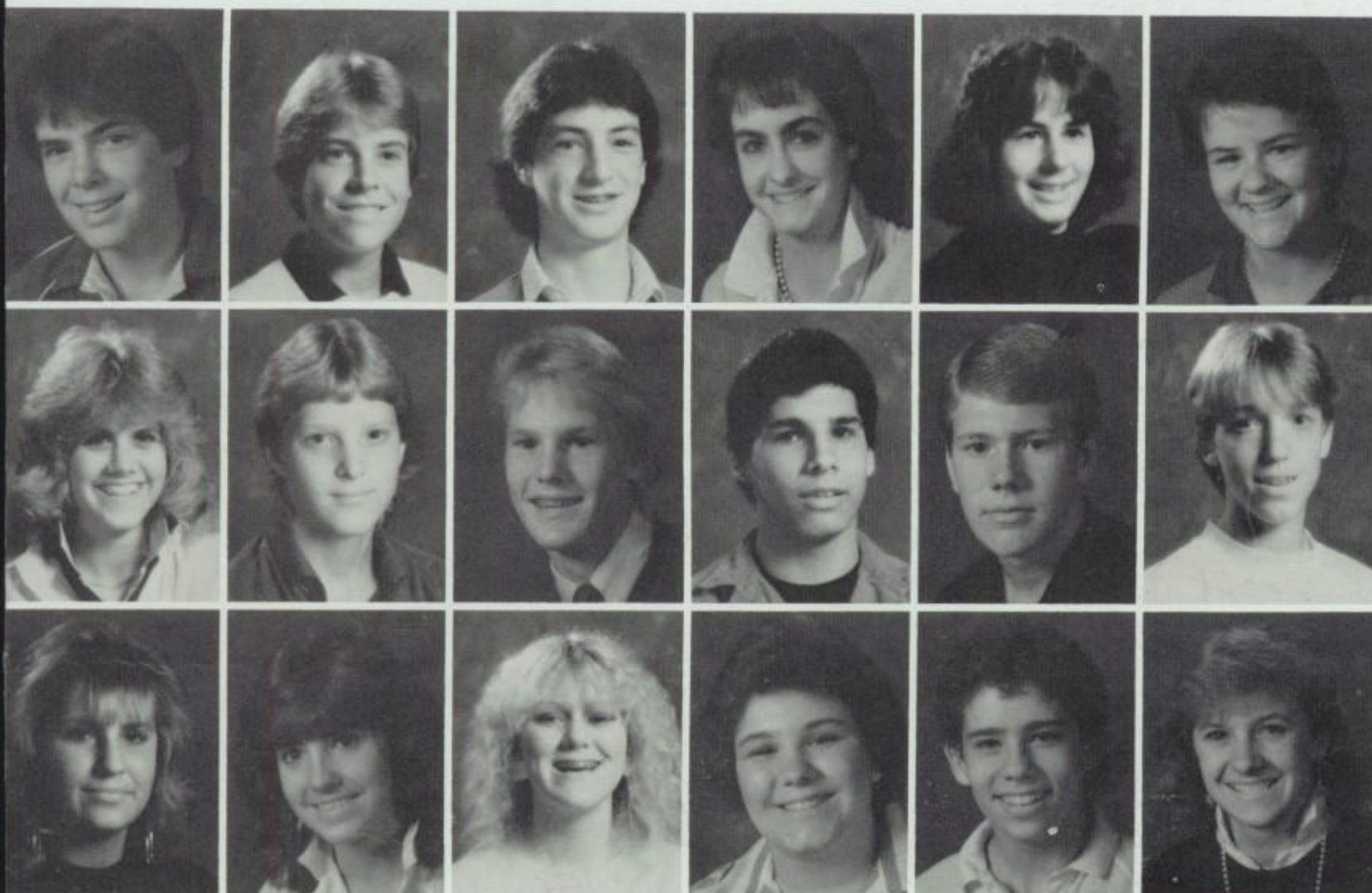
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Francesca Bentley
Jana Castro
Anson Chong
Michael Cory
Tracy Cox
David Crain
Deanne Dao
Wendy Davis
Mario Diaz
Angelique Eadie
Paul Engebretson
Kathleen Ezell
Gregory Farris
Brian Foreman
Michele Frank
Sandy Frelinger
Sunny Frelinger
George Gold
Carlton Harris
Carolene Harris
Kent Heitzman
Mary Hertz
Kenneth Inglet
Valerie Jacobs
Douglas Jones

Sabrina Kanzler
Elizabeth Kirk
Myron La Tour
Deborah Larry
Duane Lawley
Raymond Lopez
Karle McConnehey
Shelley Miller
Kenneth Morgan
Sean Nadeau
Kelly Nelson
Hong Ngov
Ozung Nguyen
Christopher Noble
Angela Parker
Raquel Peterson
Brian Pierson
Christian Poehler
Crystal Pulliam
Brandi Rainwater
Leonard Riley
Jonny Rojas
David Ruse
Marc Slosser
Cheryl Smith
Tina Snyder
George Sprietsma
Jeana Swanson

Susan Talbott
Cheryl Thiruvathukal
Carla Valenzuela
Brian Van Quaethem
Christopher Vernon
Carmen Verstrate
Kelly Valker
Gregory Wickline
Michael Wilt
Shelby Yeaple
Roosevelt York

Special friends Debbie, Stanley, Tracy
Cox, Scott, Tiffany, share their lunch.

Heather Bradbury displays her winning
smile.



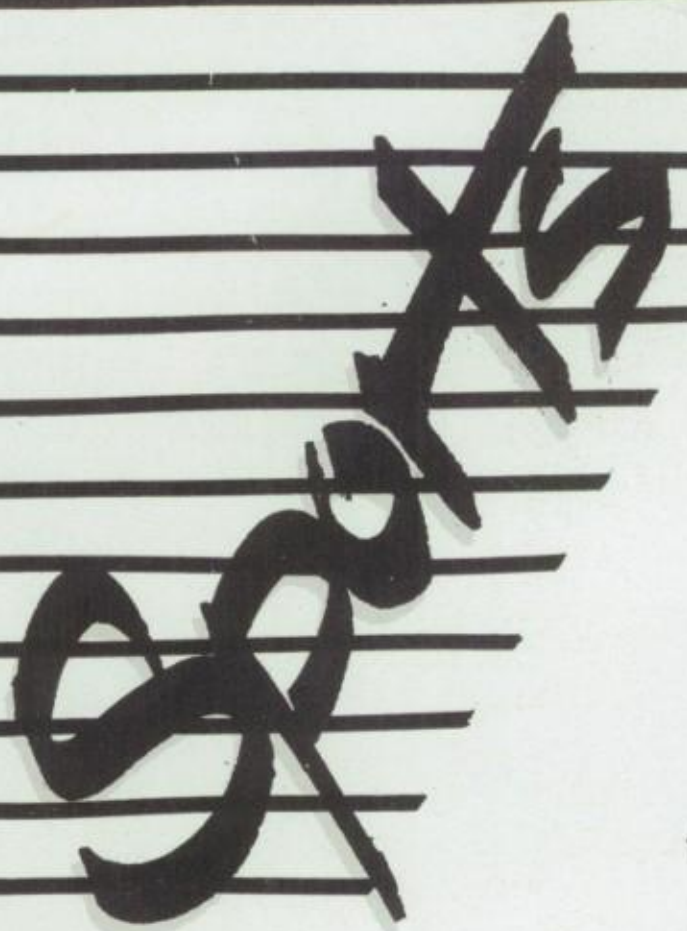
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Tracy Whitney
Carolyn Whyte
Hilary Wiek

Trena Williams
Luke Wingard
Brian Woerle
Steven Wolfe
Jeremy Woods
Charles Wright

Margaret Wymbs
Jennifer Yeager
Deborah Zamagne
Gayle Zander
Kurt Zellerhoff
Kelly Zirkovich



Deana Zittel



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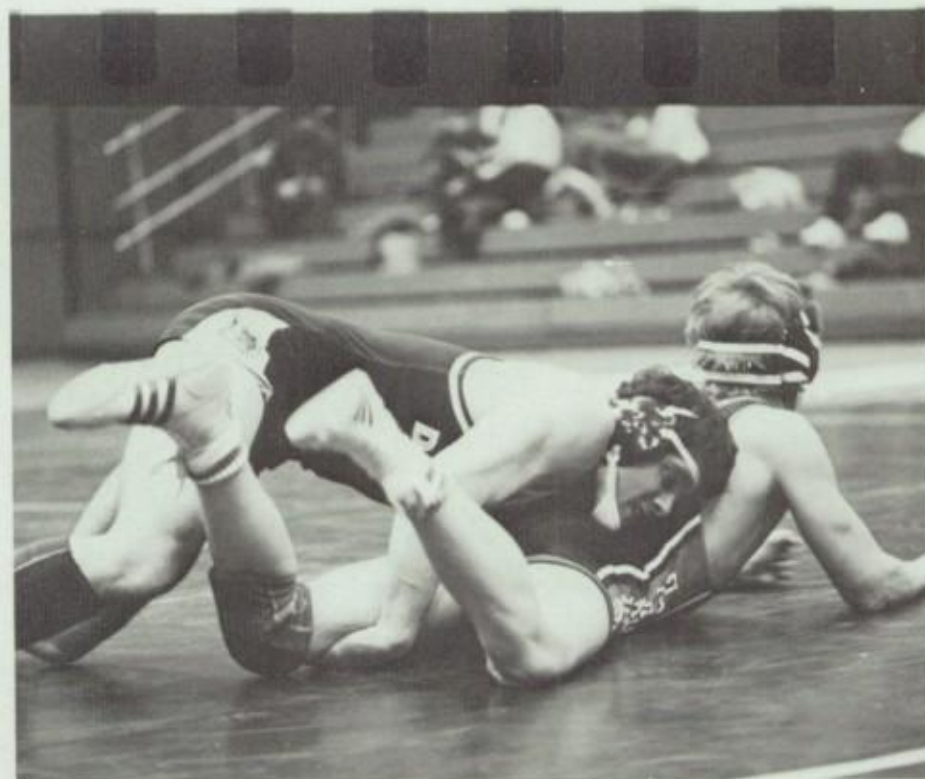
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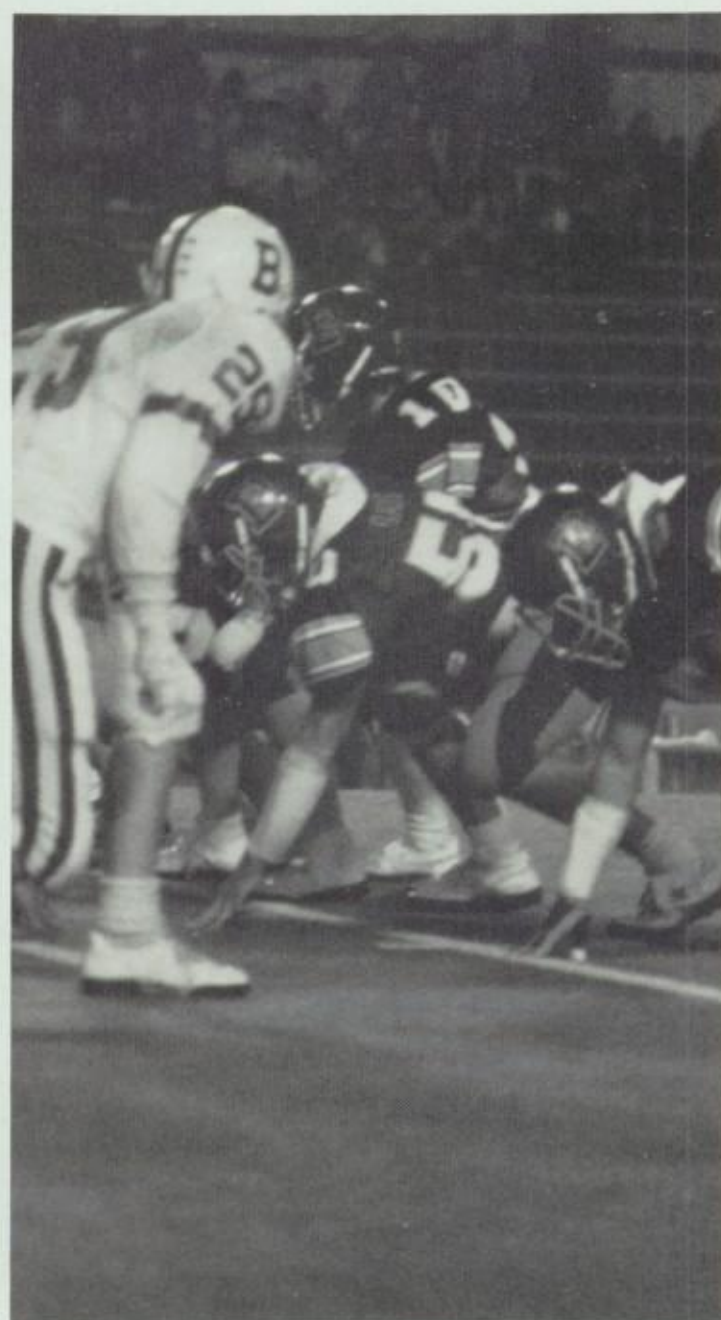
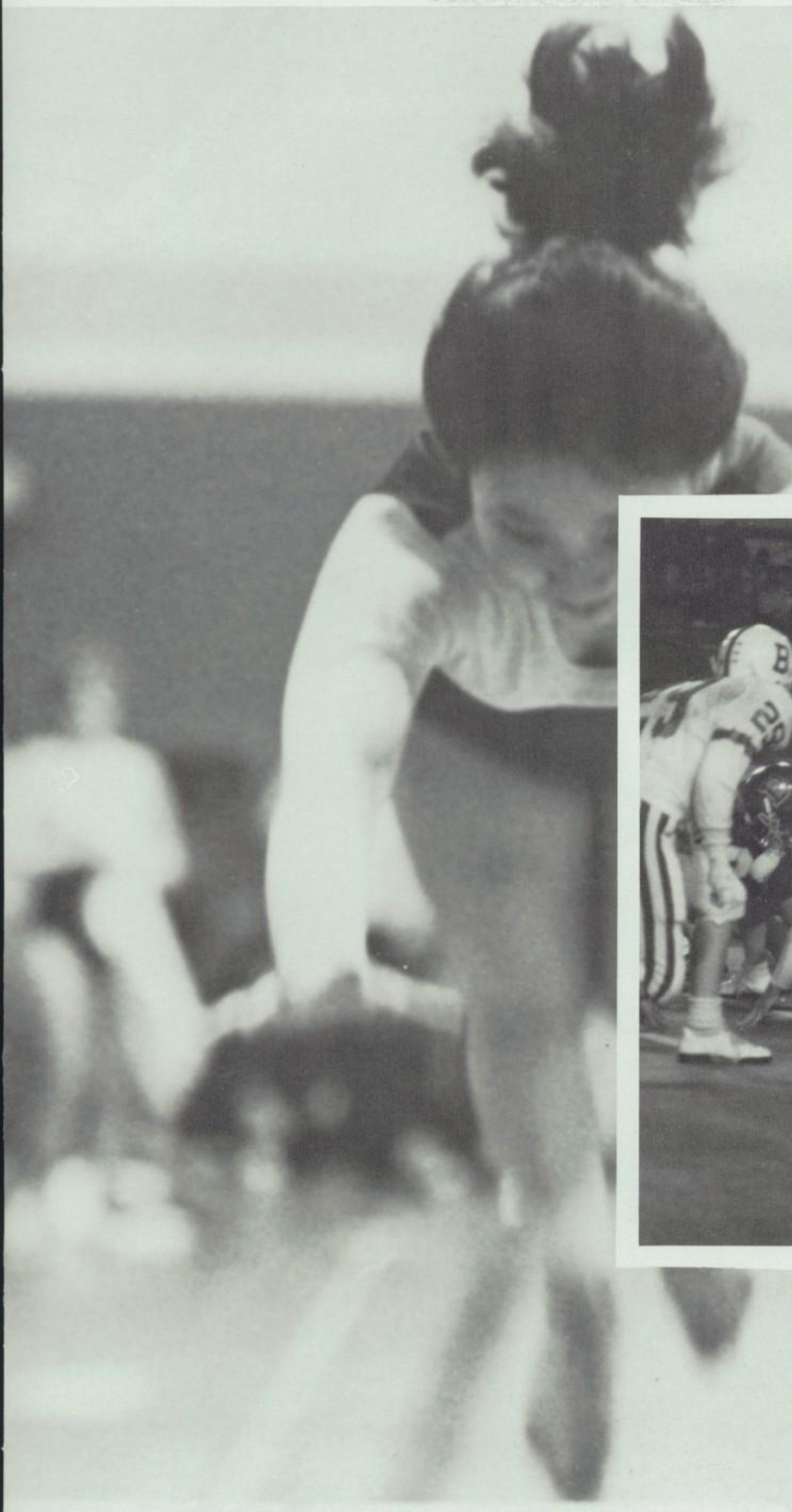
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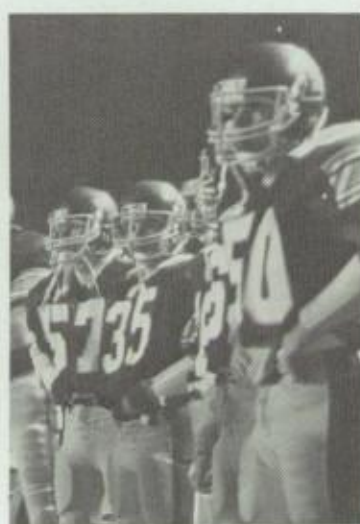
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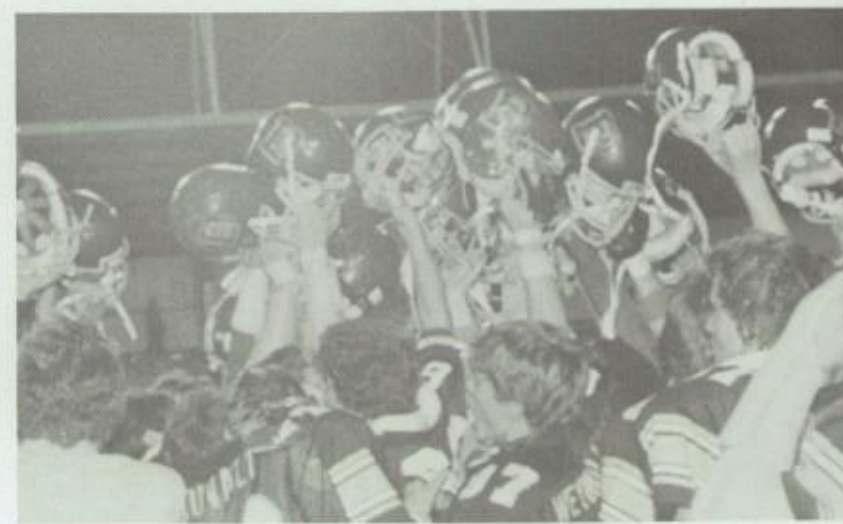


Block

This years team proved they could go that extra down.



Watching from the sidelines, Ky Steincipher, hopes for a win.



The Gator team gives their victory cheer.

Playing together as a team, no superstars, was the object of Decatur's '85 football team. This year the coaches and captains all seemed to agree that the team showed unity. They were prepared to win better than any other team in Decatur history.

There was a balance in the team, and all the players seemed proud of their offense and defense. One of this year's captains, Lenny Rohleder, said, "Coach Flynn was our offensive coordinator and he did a fantastic job, especially when it came down to the wire." There was also a lot said about the scout

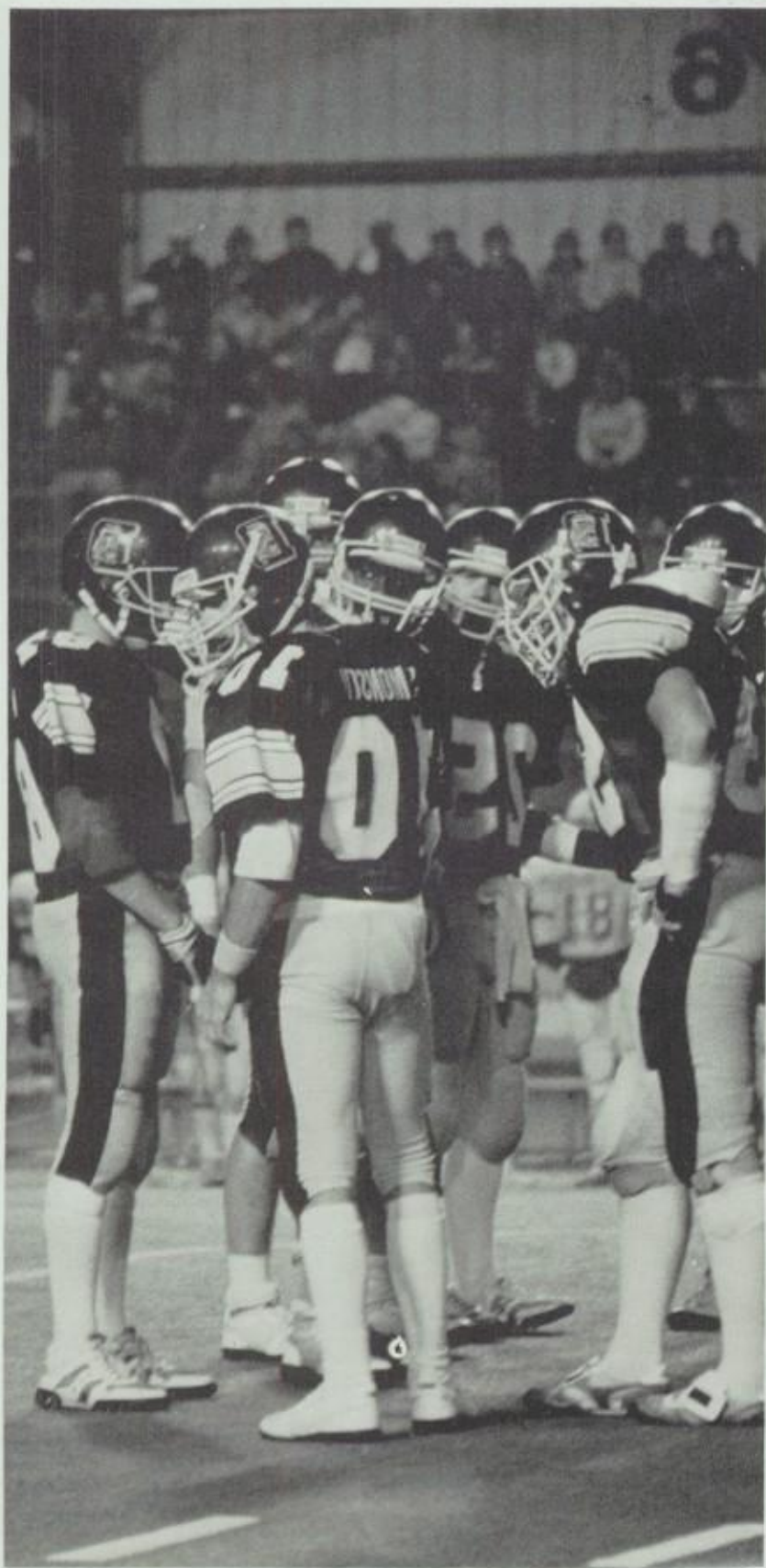
team, referred to as the "Swamp Rats". How they gave the team an idea of what their opponent was doing, giving defense a stronger backbone. But participation on every level went towards making this year's football season an enjoyable experience for everyone.

For most of us we go to the games for fun and to see other friends, without realizing how much the team appreciates the support. The coaches believe Decatur has the best crowd in the league, giving incentive to the players to do their best. It just goes to show that there was involvement on every level.

There was power to overcome the weaknesses, such as lack of physical size and talent. Unity being the team's strength showed that being the smallest team in the league didn't matter. Their positive attitude was the biggest in the league. Tim Simonson, John Mitchell, and Lenny Rohleder commented, "The entire Decatur Football coaching staff should be credited with doing an outstanding job. This is the best group of coaches we have been associated with in competitive athletics."

Top Row: B. Kaiser, D. Morrell, G. Flynn, L. Baker, D. Dornier, B. Sacks, K. Koehn, L. Rohleder, S. Rolinski, G. Ray, T. Cowan, E. Adams, J. Johnson.

P. Rollosan, D. Gorham, K. Inglet, T. Seiber, C. Lasserer, J. Edwards, T. Moore, C. Laws, M. Burley, J. Wolf, L. Bush, B. Hilby, B. Kendal, B. Doolin, M. Davis, C. Anderson, E. Burns, K. MacDonald, C. McKenna, B. Hatch, J. Mitchell, K. Favors, L. Riley, B. Eisenbeis, S. Jensen, B. Duvall, T. Upshaw, J. Thomas, J. Wallace, G. Fanyak, F. Lipcon, T. Simonson, D. Mathers, S. McKenna, T. Weymiller, I. Chang, M. Ellison, S. Sampson, M. Kleingartner, D. Starkweather, G. Jensen, T. Rush, M. Overbeck, A. Guerts, W. Baxter, J. Day, M. Kraft, B. Warwick, S. Fields, C. Vernon, J. Yeager, M. Hamling, B. Leach, M. White, T. Ashbrige, E. Steffe, M. Gogolin, B. Parker, B. Carda, K. Steincipher, M. Suputer, C. Hope, J. Bang, C. Dodson, M. Suvegas, J. Hwang, J. Borrelli, D. Moen, M. McClure.



Hey Coach! What's the play again?



Todd Cowan warms up for the big game.

Springing forward into action, the offensive line shows its stuff.



Tackle

The Gators showed their strength in every game.

Always remember, keep both hands on the ball.

Dutch Cardo, ducked this tackle just in time.



The players assemble, ready to pounce.



Get out of my way!



Ky Steincipher, bows at Bethels great performance.



Brad Eisenbeis shows running improves your balance.

Hard work brought new experiences to this years junior varsity team. Not only were the players new to high school football but their coach was new to high school coaching.

Coach Lance Baker, had not played football in college but feels his high school experience helped him with this years team. Being the only coach was sometimes hard. During practices they worked on only offense or only defense because of the lack of experience.

Although some of the players were disappointed in the scores they were never disappointed in each other or their coach. Sophomore Steve McKenna commented, "Coach Baker was great! We all got along with him very well." Many felt the reason they do better was because other teams had juniors on them who had played together the previous year.

Next years varsity team will have a lot of talented players from this team. McKenna feels, "Next years juniors will be pretty good because they will have played together more."

SCORECARD

DHS	7	Lakes	0
DHS	7	Puyallup	21
DHS	0	Rogers	42
DHS	18	Bethel	6
DHS	0	T.J.	30
DHS	12	C. Park	13
DHS	13	Stadium	14
DHS	0	Sumner	29

SCORECARD
BOYS VARSITY

DHS 15	Sumner	50
DHS 28	Clover Park	28
DHS 38	Lakes	18
DHS 23	Robers	37
DHS 15	Spanaway	50
DHS 33	Curtis	22
DHS 15	Bethel	46
DHS 25	Federal Way	32
DHS 31	Jefferson	26

BOYS J.V.

DHS 15	Sumner forfeit	
DHS 18	Clover Park	43
DHS 50	Lakes	15
DHS 15	Rogers	50
DHS 15	Spanaway	49
DHS 23	Curtis	33
DHS 15	Bethel	50
DHS 20	Federal Way	36
DHS 22	Jefferson	33

S. Till, M. Underwood, K. Whiting, T. Gabler, S. Na-deau, D. Kexel, J. Schnaltman, A. Anderson, J. Olesberg, A. Weissman, D. Johnson, Coach Anderson, K. Bentley, K. Tucker, K. Latta, T. Weissman, T. Cox, W. Bogle, S. Eldinger, B. Lingenfelter, Coach Nestegard, J. Brooks, M. Bernhardt, G. Gove, K. Nelson, V. Montgomery, J. Vraspir, L. Carbreza, M. Kettler, D. Anderson, N. Kelsey, K. Schmid, L. Ericson, R. Witter, J. Witter, C. Schreiber, P. Roragen, C. Karn, M. Smothers, J. Cordick, K. Anderson, C. Konieczny, R. Boyd, M. Stivers.



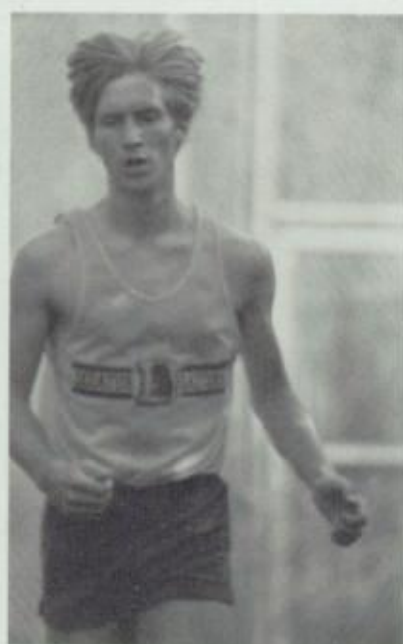
Stamina



Huffing and puffing, Lisa Carbreza attempts to pass her competitor.

Anxiously waiting for the meet to begin, Chris Schrieber takes a moment to stretch out and mentally prepare himself for the big event.





Swingin

GATORS GO TO MEDALISTS TOURNAMENT

Brian swings...
And ooh, it's a good one!



The golfing team practices for a good year.



GATOR GOLFERS ARE ALL "FORE" IT

The golf team really hit it off well this year with an 8-2 record placing 3rd in the league. The team consisted of 6 sophomores, 3 juniors, and 1 senior, Tim Lawrence. "Younger players give a better advantage to being a better team in the future," says Coach VanDoerhren.

The whole team was a very important part of a great season but one individual player stood out. The Most Valuable Player, Dan Gullickson. "Dan proved to be an important asset to the team," says teammate Pete Holman. Dan hit a 35 shot for a one-under-par at Puyallup which helped the Gators in their win.

"We had a lot of depth, so when one player had an off day there was still someone there to fill in," says Tim Lawrence.

"The team's morality was excellent," says Pete Holman.

In a match at Rogers, 4 of the 6 Gators made medalists. Pete Holman, Bryan Hasting, Steve Murphy and Todd Wells all shot a 43 to bring the Gators out on top and win the match.

The team entered a medalist tournament in which they were challenged by Clover Park, who placed 4th in the league. The winner of the challenge

would take 3rd place. The Gators unfortunately lost which meant Clover Park took 3rd place.

Mr. VanDoerhren said that the team did exactly as he figured they would. He knew it was going to be really close in the league between Decatur, Clover Park, Curtis, and Lakes.

He also says that since the 6 sophomores and 2 of the juniors have now played all the league courses and know the little tricks and surprises a course can throw at you, they will make a really strong team for next year.

The J.V. team also had a great year

by capturing 1st place in the league with an outstanding 8-0 record. The team consisted of: Scott Hall, Jim Davidson, Chad Warren and Bill Goathier. They also took 1st place at the J.V. medalist tournament. Bill Goathier was the Gators' medalist with a low score of 41.

"The only thing that could use some improvement for next season would be the player and coach relationship," says Tim Lawrence and Chad Warren. "As far as the teams are concerned we had a relationship that started great and ended up better with our ability to work as a team, not just an individual."

Jim Davidson demonstrates his golfing ability.



This years only Senior golfer.

Todd Wells watches Peter Holman hit a hole in one.



Front Row: C. Warren, T. Lawrence, T. Wells, S. Murphy. Back Row: Mr. VonDoerhen, B. Gauthier, B. Hastings, D. Gullickson, P. Holman, J. Davidson

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DHS	217	SPANAWAY	239
DHS	203	JEFFERSON	233
DHS	214	CURTIS	207
DHS	206	CLOVER PARK	230
DHS	217	ROGERS	225
DHS	216	BETHAL	243
DHS	211	FEDERAL WAY	228
DHS	206	SUMNER	234
DHS	203	LAKES	205
DHS	205	PUYALLUP	218

Smash

UP AT THE NET

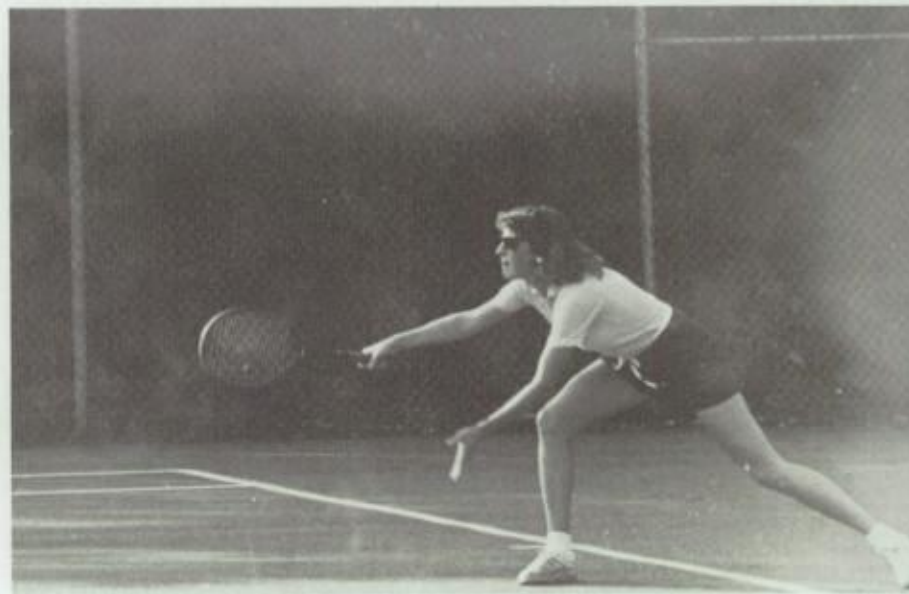
Oh well! Next time I'll get a point!



If the net doesn't get it then Lynn Deighton will.



Just take the picture, OK?



A smashing season

"I think the team did well this year with a 4th place finish overall. You can always look back on a season and see something you would have changed but as a whole it was a good season.

—Coach Peterson
As the summer slipped away, we each prepared, in our own way, for the return to the old grind. And for the girl's tennis team back-to-school meant back-to-work. They may not have received the glory of varsity football players, but this team was an important part of our athletic

program. They worked as a team but the challenges they faced were individual and their victories gave a sense of personal accomplishment.

With the return of 9 players from last year, the 1985 girl's tennis team showed their experience. Plus the new talent of first year players made this year's team have a successful year with 7 wins and 3 losses and placed 4th in the South Puget Sound League. The teams roughest competitors seemed to be Curtis, which finished

the year undefeated, and Clover Park. But all in all the Decatur Girl's tennis team overpowered the other teams and came out winning in the end.

Six girls competed in the SPSL district match with Nancy Lejens and Lynn Deighton playing singles and Beth Schank, Kathy Graves, Lore Deighton, and Linda Halverson playing doubles. Nancy Lejens was automatically advanced and Kathy Graves and Beth Schank overcome their competition and advanced to

state which will be held in the spring.

With the majority of the girls graduating this year, it cannot be predicted what the outcome of next year will be. With the practice of the upcoming junior varsity players and the new players coming in, next years team could be as successful as this years was.



I can do this, even with my eyes closed!

If you thought that was hot wait for my next serve.

The competition looks tough Electrowoman. You're right, Dynagirl.



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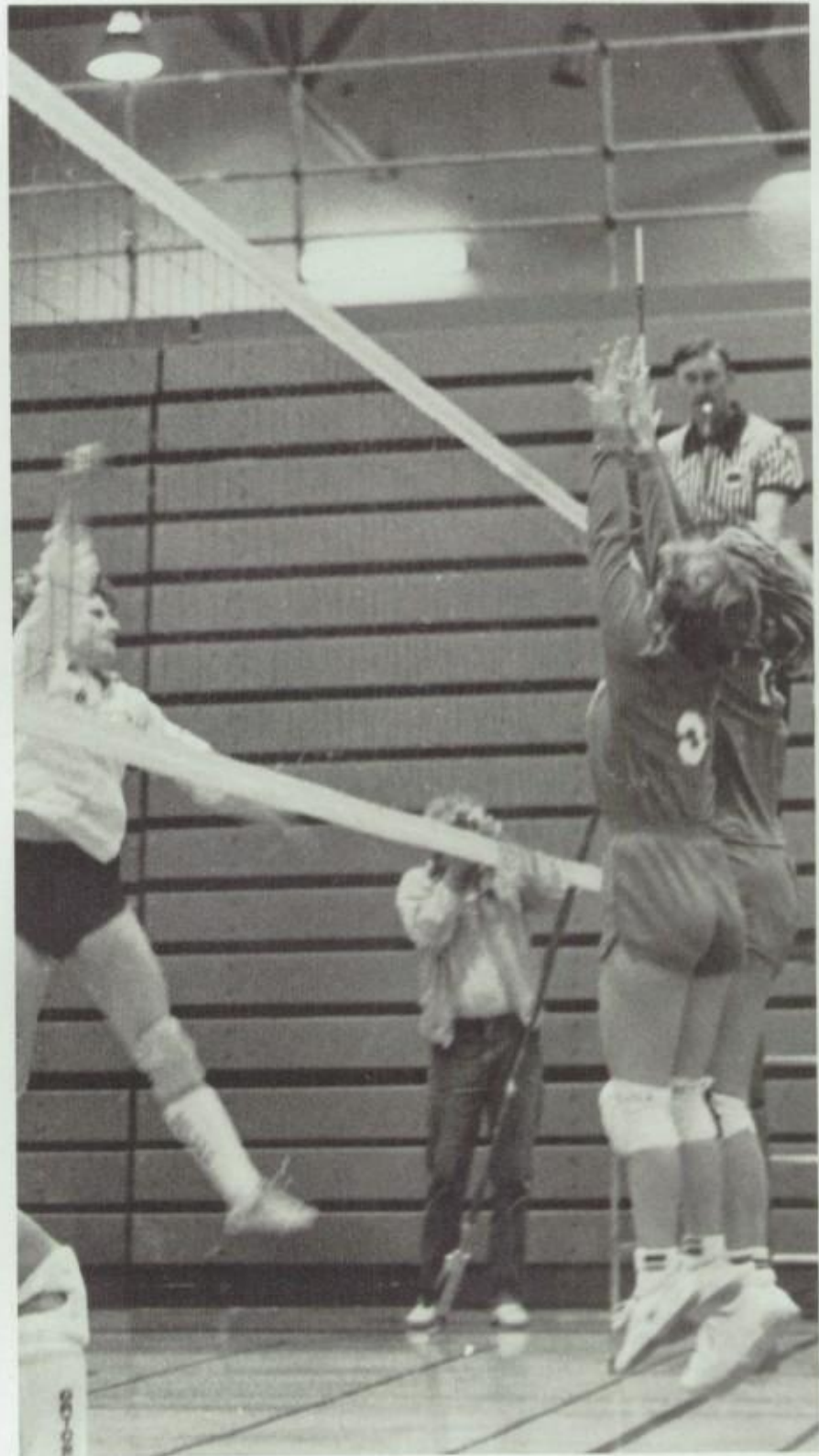
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DHS	4	Spanaway	1
DHS	3	Lakes	2
DHS	5	Sumner	0

Row 1- Chung Hong, Kelly Zitkevich, Jenny Yeager, Coach Peterson Row 2-Kathy Knutsen, Kathy Graves Row 3-Tracy Young, Jodi Renz, Beth Schank Row 4-Linda Halverson, Tina Peterson Row 5-Angie Pierce, Lore Deighton Row 6-Joni Hanson, Lynn Deighton Row 7-Jack Bang

Spike

I fly through the air with the greatest of ease!

Rosie Bigham knows the agony of DAFETTI



VARSITY SCORECARD

DHS	3	STADIUM	0
DHS	3	MT. RAINIER	0
DHS	3	CAPITAL	1
DHS	3	HIGHLINE	0
DHS	3	BETHEL	1
DHS	3	ROGERS	0
DHS	3	T.J.	0
DHS	3	PUYALLUP	2
DHS	3	SPANAWAY	0

Chong Yoon, Christiana Faechini, Rosie Bigham, Molly O'Donnell, Shannon Finney, Terri Baker, Debbie Richter, Julie Pierson, Michelle Rawlins, Shannon Helmer



DECATUR GIRL'S VOLLEYBALL FIRED UP FOR STATE!

A little two on one action can't stop Molly O'Donnell.
Debbie Richter goes up and away.



"We are having an excellent season with lots of the determination and enthusiasm that a team needs to go far. *"Decatur Girl's Volleyball is on it's way to victory!"* said varsity volleyball palyer Terri Baker during mid-season. What an accurate forecast that turned out to be. With a lot of hard work Decatur's 1985-86 Girl's Volleyball team ended the season with a winning record. This years volleyball team was very team-oriented and they helped each other to prepare for matches by keeping up their morale with secret pals, brown lunch exchanges, and other great spirit ideas. This team spirit was reflected at all of the Gator's matches but I don't think anyone will soon forget just how

much excitement was generated at one of the Gator's longest and hardest matches; the one against Puyallup. Our team came from behind and emerged victorious. This team's positive effort supported them through two weeks of chilling snow and delayed state matches until finally the big games arrived. In the West Central Division the girls placed 4th and then it was on to state. At state the girls placed 9th but they were victorious in capturing the Spirit Of Decatur. All the team members had great skills, a positive effort, and good academic standings. This seasons great success leaves us looking forward to next year with great anticipation.



The team is in the huddle.
Head coach Mr. Kumakura.



JUNIOR VARSITY SCORECARD

DHS	2	STADIUM	0
DHS	2	MT. RAINIER	0
DHS	2	CAPITAL	0
DHS	2	HIGHLINE	0
DHS	2	BETHEL	0
DHS	0	ROGERS	2
DHS	2	T.J.	0
DHS	2	PUYALLUP	1
DHS	2	SPANWAY	0

Shirel Rivers, Trena Moore, Dixie Steele, Cindy Anderson, Amy Friesen, Lonnie Taylor, Chris McCaulley, Lonnie Taylor, Theresa Mann, Nancy Geisler.

"WE WORK WELL TOGETHER"

Kick

Soccer was once thought to be a sport for men only. Now, like every other activity, soccer is played by both men and women. With the addition of a girls soccer team at Decatur last year, many girls were given the opportunity to exhibit their skills. One of those most eager to join was Erin McLaughlin.

Erin first played soccer at the ripe age of six and has been playing ever since. She would like to continue playing the sport but because she is too old for any local leagues she would have to play on a women's team. Due to the friends and leadership qualities gained from soccer,

chances are we'll be seeing her name on the sports page in the not-too-distant future.

Erin utilizes a "Go for it!" attitude and advises future soccer players to use it as well. "If you try hard I think you'll get more out of it," she says. "It takes determination and love for the game!"

The '85 girls soccer team had a strong season this year. The reason being the cooperation and the compatibility between the players. "We worked well together in passing and scoring," Erin commented. "I think another reason we played well was because everyone got along. No

one lacked a sense of humor." And it showed in their playing as well. Their shared friendliness combined to make a unity, thus a solid team experience. This made the girls soccer team stiff competition to neighboring schools.

Erin McLaughlin was one of those to play the world's most popular sport during its initial run at Decatur. Girls soccer has now become regular tradition due to players such as Erin. Determination, skill, and a sense of pride for the school she represents, make her a good example for those to follow.

Simon says, "Kick the ball."



The team is in the huddle.

Val Wolfskill bumps out the competition.



VARSITY SCORECARD

DHS 7	Spanaway Lake	0
DHS 0	Federal Way	0
DHS 7	Bethel	0
DHS 2	T.J.	3
DHS 4	Kurtis	0
DHS 10	Spanaway Lake	2
DHS 1	Federal Way	4
DHS 8	Bethel	1
DHS 1	T.J.	2
DHS 5	Curtis	2

Front row: B. Chalcraft, D. Byrd, T. Whitney, J. Westlind, B. Chalcraft, Second row: S. Rush Coach Linda Hutmaker, L. Bernobis, N. Hall, L. Gear, A. Dofelmier, A. Rott, K. Thamer, B. Doherty, T. Berg, Back row: T. Renz, D. McLaughlin, V. Wolfskill, E. Pitts, S. Lein, B. Donich, S. Crawford



Tension mounts as the second half comes to an end.



Rambles by Star Rush

This season is harder than last year because two new teams have been added to the league, which makes for more competition. The team is well rounded, being the second year we have more experience working together as a team. There is a lot more talking on the field, which is needed to make things happen. We had talent coming back from last year plus incoming talent from sophomores. Overall we started out with high expectations.

Star Rush

VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

John Mitchell, Brian Link, Tim Renz, Peter Holman, Ik Sung Chang, Brian Kaiser, Dan Weis, Lenny Rohleder, Nathine Larson, Jarrett Mentink, Tim Upshaw, and Tim Simonson.



Dunk



John Mitchell, Tim Simonson, and Tim Renz get ready for the unexpected as the Vikings have the ball.

Coach Lee Anderson wraps Lenny's foot after he encountered disaster upstairs on the court, hurting his ankle.



"WE ENDED UP BETTER THAN PEOPLE EXPECTED"

Decatur's varsity basketball boys are as fresh as new-fallen snow, but hope to mold together into a team, despite their inexperience.

This November's snow caused the Gator's first three games to be rescheduled on Saturdays because most teams in the league could not get in the 10 minimum practices needed. The snow threw a consistent practice pattern out the proverbial window.

"They are working hard," said Coach Lee Anderson, "and doing fine. They want to do well

and are spending a lot of extra time practicing. We have to kick them out of the gym at night."

"We have good players who will improve as we learn each other and play as a unit," said Coach Anderson. "We have to be a tough defensive team because we are not too big, so we will be playing against the size factor a lot this year."

"Good senior leadership is needed in the SPSL, and this year's four seniors will be counted on for leadership in their own way," said Anderson.

"Lenny Rohleder is the tutor on the team, always helping others. John Mitchell will give up his body for the ball. Tim Simonson is the team's 'quarterback' as pointguard. Tim Renz is the 'Gator's best communicator, always talking to the other players."

The Decatur Gators had their five-game winning streak broken by Curtis by 4 points.

Before the loss to Curtis they had beaten Clover Park, Spanaway Lake, Lakes, Bethel and Rogers beginning the Gator's record to 9-7.

In the game against Clover Park Decatur was behind most of the first three quarters, but in the fourth quarter Decatur outscored Clover Park 19-7. The 8 points by Brian Link gave them 20 points on the game and the Gators enough to win 55-53. That broke Decatur's three-game losing streak, losses to Bethel, Federal Way and Puyallup.

Junior Brian Link remarked that the team did better than people anticipated and said "it was a fun year for everyone, I loved it!"



John, Tim and Lenny buddy up while they are about ready to play a tough game against the Curtis Vikings.



Nathine Larson and Dan Wels wait patiently in the locker rooms for the game to start.



Bring the Gators back into action, Tim Simonson makes his move.

And now one for the Gators by John Mitchell with Lenny Rohleder making sure nothing goes wrong.

BOYS BASKETBALL VARSITY SCORECARD

DHS 70	SPANAWAY LAKE	46
DHS 55	SUMNER	51
DHS 56	ROGERS	45
DHS 37	CURTIS	48
DHS 39	PUYALLUP	63
DHS 70	LAKES	50
DHS 49	T.J.	59
DHS 54	BETHEL	55
DHS 53	FEDERAL WAY	59
DHS 53	PUYALLUP	58
DHS 51	CLOVER	53
DHS 57	SPANAWAY LAKE	45
DHS 62	LAKES	58
DHS 69	BETHEL	59
DHS 51	ROGERS	47
DHS 62	CURTIS	66
DHS 34	T.J.	43
DHS 69	SUMNER	77
DHS 52	FEDERAL WAY	41
DHS 75	CLOVER PARK	52

dribble

BOYS JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL

SCORECARD

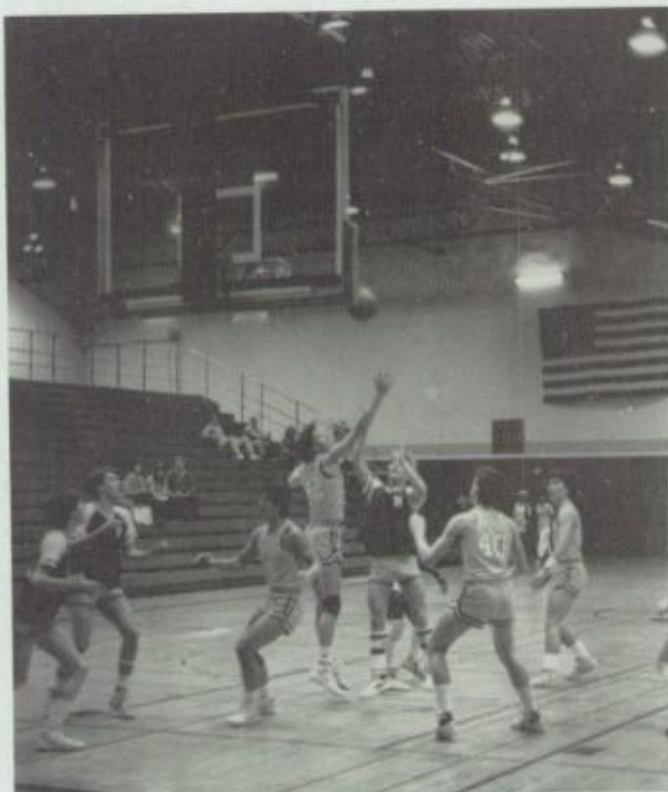
DHS	42	SPANAWAY LAKES	34
DHS	60	SUMNER	58
DHS	44	ROGERS	66
DHS	36	CURTIS	51
DHS	44	PUYALLUP	53
DHS	53	LAKES	66
DHS	53	T.J.	33
DHS	36	BETHEL	55
DHS	36	FEDERAL WAY	38
DHS	51	PUYALLUP	56
DHS	41	CLOVER PARK	47
DHS	51	SPANAWAY LAKE	47
DHS	53	LAKES	56
DHS	63	BETHEL	75
DHS	47	ROGERS	72
DHS	38	CURTIS	51
DHS	70	T.J.	42
DHS	47	SUMNER	28
DHS	48	FEDERAL WAY	61
DHS	82	CLOVER PARK	64



Mike Smothers, James Christianson, Todd Sieber, Kevin Whiting, Steve Murphy, Butch Carda, Greg Herringshaw, Steve Till

Butch Carda shoots for the basket. We know he'll make it!

Greg Herringshaw before he makes two points for Decatur.



J.V. HOOP TROOP 'HAS POTENTIAL'

"Awesome, terrifically fantastic, and simply the best were some of the words and phrases used to describe this year's basketball season for both girls and boys. Maybe there weren't any state championships to compete for this year, but anyone with the I.Q. of oatmeal would know that it's not necessarily the final results that make a good year. Kevin Whiting describes the J.V. experience, "It took a lot of hard work, but we worked as a team, and as a result we improved very much in ball control and defense."

The factor that can make or break a team is how well the team players get along. James Christianson declares that "on the court our team was like a family," while Brian Woerle states that it helps when the teammates are "good buddies." This year the guys weren't the only ones who operated like great pals, as can be seen by the way Coach Flynn praises the girls' J.V. "They were a team, like a family. They were never just a little group of girls, it was always a team."

Sophomore players found high school basketball to be quite a learning experience. Many team members testify that they've learned a lot more this year than any of their previous junior high years.

The difference is obvious that high school basketball is more advanced, and certainly more competitive. These games are definitely taken seriously!

In spite of all the excellent sportsmanship and team unity this sea-

son, there are always room for improvements. However, these improvements cannot necessarily be made by the teams themselves. They've done their part, they worked hard to keep the effort going. All they need now is a lot of support from the students. Practically all the team members interviewed said that if there was one thing they could have it would be more attendance at their games. Yet the support they did have was greatly appreciated.

Dixie Steele shoots in hope of a one point lead.



Cindy Anderson is pushed around by the warrior.
Dixie, Nancy and Colleen have before game jitters.



Colleen Richter at her best, shooting free throws.

GIRLS JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL

SCORECARD

DHS	32	SUMNER	16
DHS	32	SPANAWAY LAKE	28
DHS	37	ROGERS	32
DHS	43	CURTIS	9
DHS	35	LAKES	24
DHS	50	FEDERAL WAY	24
DHS	48	CLOVER PARK	33
DHS	35	BETHEL	36
DHS	35	PUYALLUP	44
DHS	33	LAKES	29
DHS	45	T.J.	32
DHS	35	T.J.	34
DHS	55	BETHEL	17
DHS	29	PUYALLUP	36
DHS	40	LSUMNER	24
DHS	23	ROGERS	44
DHS	54	CURTIS	24
DHS	41	SPANAWAY LAKE	39
DHS	37	KFEDERAL WAY	31
DHS	60	CLOVER PARK	55

Rebound



This year's record was better than last year's, but even more important, according to Val, was that "everyone got along super well."

This picture, center, is definite proof that Girl's Varsity rules the court.



GIRL'S BOUNCE BACK

We all know that Girl's Basketball did not exactly break DHS records this year. Maybe the first half of the season didn't show a lot of victories either. But those who supported the team witnessed a change in the second half when the strength and unity of the team came through. They won 7 out of 10 the last 10 games they played, defeating even Curtis for the first time in Decatur's history.

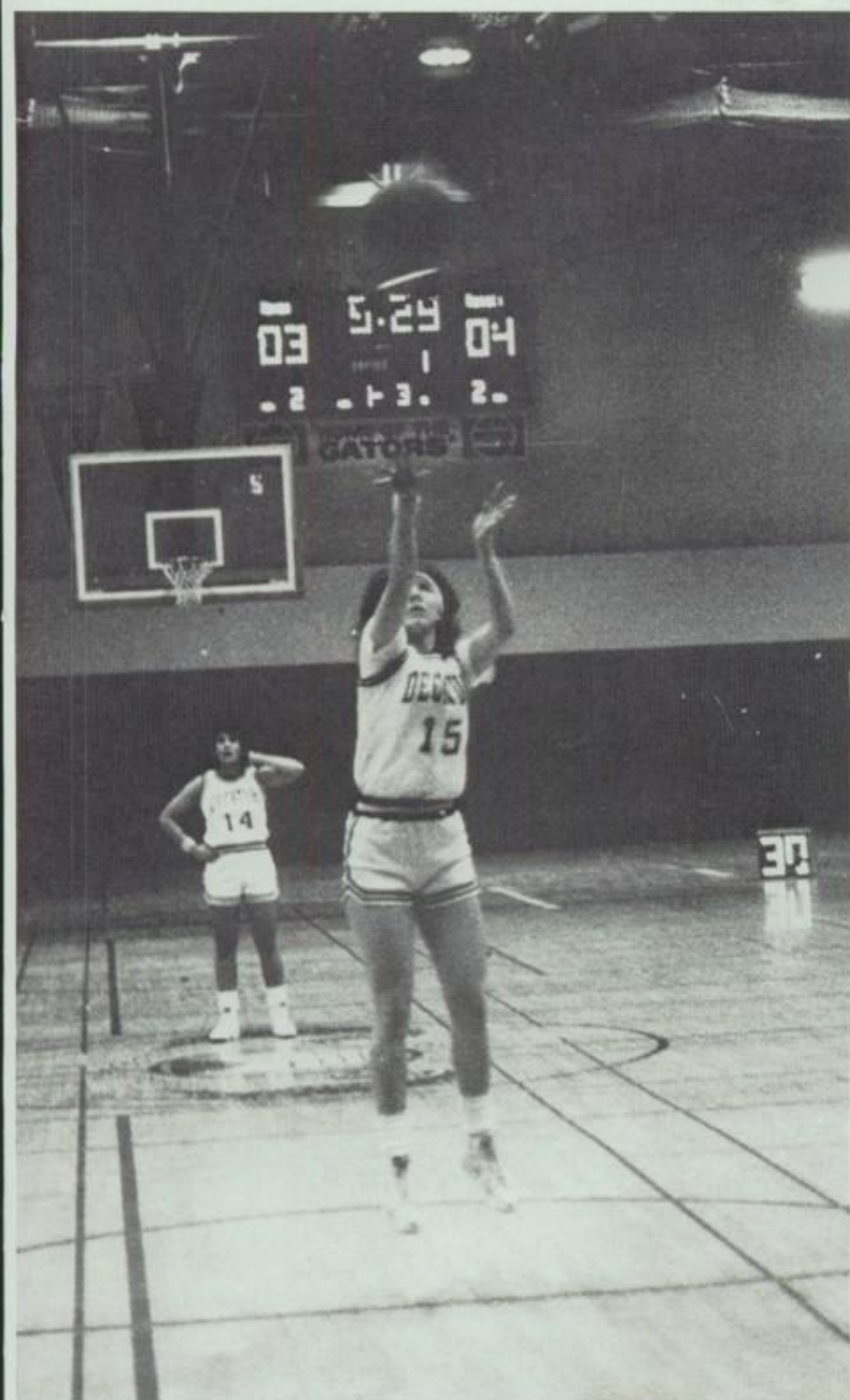
A change took place this year, when Mr. Flynn became coach and brought with him a positive attitude. This made the practices

and games not just a chance to exercise their skills on the court but also an opportunity to have a lot of fun. Mr. Flynn found the season to be very rewarding because every team member had a willingness to learn and at the same time get out there and enjoy the game.

When Val Wolfskill was asked if she felt there was anything special about this year's team, she replied, "Yes, the team, as a whole, got along really well and everyone enjoyed playing together."



A real good warm up is needed to prepare for the game against Clover Park.



Michelle Rawlins takes a flying leap, making another score for the Gators.



Molly makes an effort to block her opponent.

This fantastic group of five take time from a rigorous warm up to pose pretty for the camera man.



Row 1: M. Mollard, C. Richter, K. Steeley, N. Geisler. Row 2: L. Berinobis, S. Steele, S. Helmet, C. Anderson. Row 3: C. Cettlin, M. O'Donnell, D. Richter, V. Wolfskill, M. Rawlins, J. Pearson, M. Young

SCORECARD

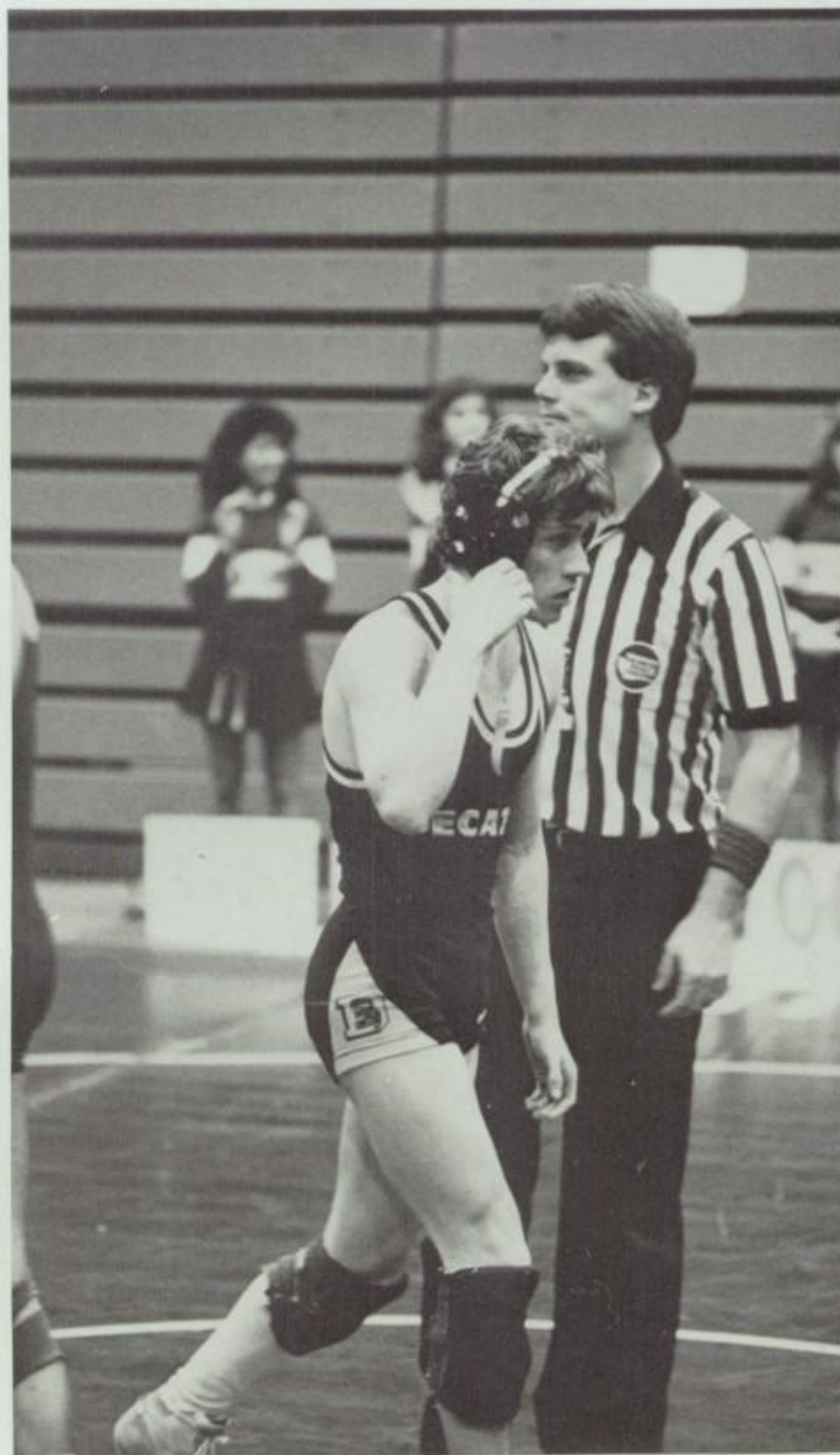
Girl's Varsity

DHS	50	Sumner	34
DHS	37	Spanaway Lake	34
DHS	40	Rogers	41
DHS	34	Curtis	54
DHS	42	Lakes	53
DHS	45	Federal Way	53
DHS	43	Clover Park	59
DHS	45	Bethel	47
DHS	35	Puyallup	61
DHS	28	Lakes	41
DHS	51	Jefferson	48
DHS	45	Jefferson	56
DHS	57	Bethel	36
DHS	51	Puyallup	70
DHS	48	Sumner	40
DHS	49	Rogers	41
DHS	39	Curtis	32
DHS	44	Spanaway	37
DHS	30	Federal Way	57
DHS	47	Clover Park	37

Pin-em

Mr. Nilson shows off his coaching ability.

Decatur's wrestling team stands proud during The Pledge of Allegiance.



SCORECARD

85-86 Wrestling Scores Varsity

DHS	33	Sumner	36
DHS	17	T.J.	51
DHS	36	Renton	39
DHS	44	Blanchet	27
DHS	33	Meadowdale	37
DHS	31	Clover Park	30
DHS	45	Newport	28
DHS	15	Puyallup	52
DHS	59	Lakes	18
DHS	24	Spanaway Lake	47
DHS	31	Federal Way	34
DHS	7	Bethel	54
DHS	34	Curtis	30
DHS	12	Rogers	57

Junior Varsity

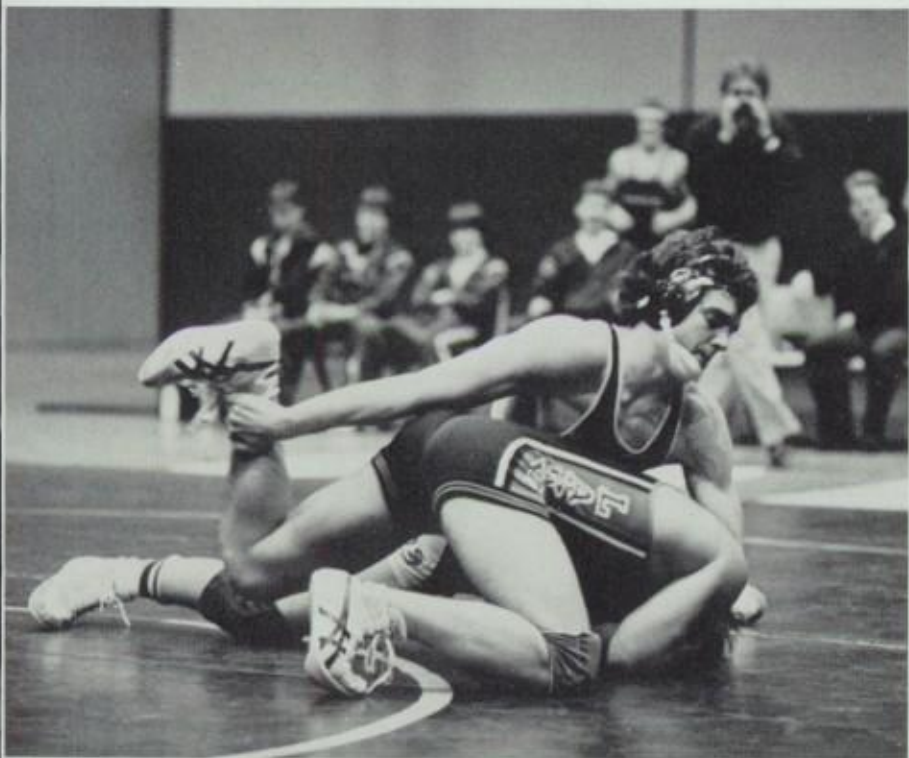
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DHS	26	T.J.	45
DHS	51	Renton	32
DHS	58	Clover Park	42
DHS	37	New Port	0
DHS	3	Puyallup	60
DHS	15	Liberty	6
DHS	42	Lakes	24
DHS	45	Spanaway Lake	4
DHS	51	Federal Way	0
DHS	30	Bethel	18
DHS	30	Curtis	18
DHS	12	Rainier Beach	0
DHS	33	Rogers	0



Row 3: B. Kolbo, K. Eklund, K. Wicks, D. Gorham, Mr. Nilson, S. Raketty, J. Johnson, D. Hollrah, E. Adams. Row 2: S. Sampson, M. White, E. Burns, T. Weymiller, S. Kohut, B. Hatch, M. Ellison, D. Mather, R. Longthorne. Front Row: T. Lawrence, B. Stutz, S. Fields, J. Church, J. Yeager, K. Steincipher, J. Lee, E. Russell. Our deepest apologies go to B. Kolbo, K. Eklund, S. Sampson, and E. Adams for the quality of the team picture provided by Timestoppers.

"ROLLER COASTER SEASON"

Eric Burns shows off the meaning of control.



It's a pin by Brad Stutz



Dan Hollrah anxiously awaits for the referee's signal.

UPS AND DOWNS

The 1985-86 Wrestling team had an exciting season placing 8th in the league with a 3-7-0 record. "The team had its ups and downs this year," commented Coach Nelson. "We lost a lot of our varsity who were replaced by wrestlers without any Varsity Experience. As a result our win/loss record was like a roller coaster ... up, down, up, down. We beat teams we've never been able to beat before and lost to teams who have never defeated us before." Three of the wrestlers competed in the State regionals: Keith Wicks, Eddie Russel and Matt Elison. Matt has placed 2nd in the Regionals, lead the team

in pins with 13, as well as take downs with 33. His over all record was 17-10.

The big event of the 85-86 season was the defeat of Clover Park. In fact, the team had never defeated them in all of Mr. Nelson's years of coaching. "My first year coaching here we lost to Clover Park 53 to 0," stated Coach Nelson. The team had two big discouragements, losing to Federal Way and losing a valuable player, Tim Lawrence, due to injury. "If Tim hadn't been injured, he would have been one to make it to State Regionals." Stated Mr. Nelson.

SCORECARD

Sophomores

DHS	33	Tolt	35
DHS	48	Foster	27
DHS	19	Liberty	54
DHS	39	Rainier Beach	24

energy

GYMNASTICS GOES TO DISTRICT

This seasons gymnastics team flipped into action placing second in the league with a 7-2 record. The team only consisted of five sophomores and five seniors.

The goal of the team was to make it to district as a team and sure enough they did. They went to Port Angeles and placed 7th. Even though no one qualified for state they can be proud of what their small team did accomplish. All the team members felt that as the season progressed each and every member had improved.

I think the team really got better

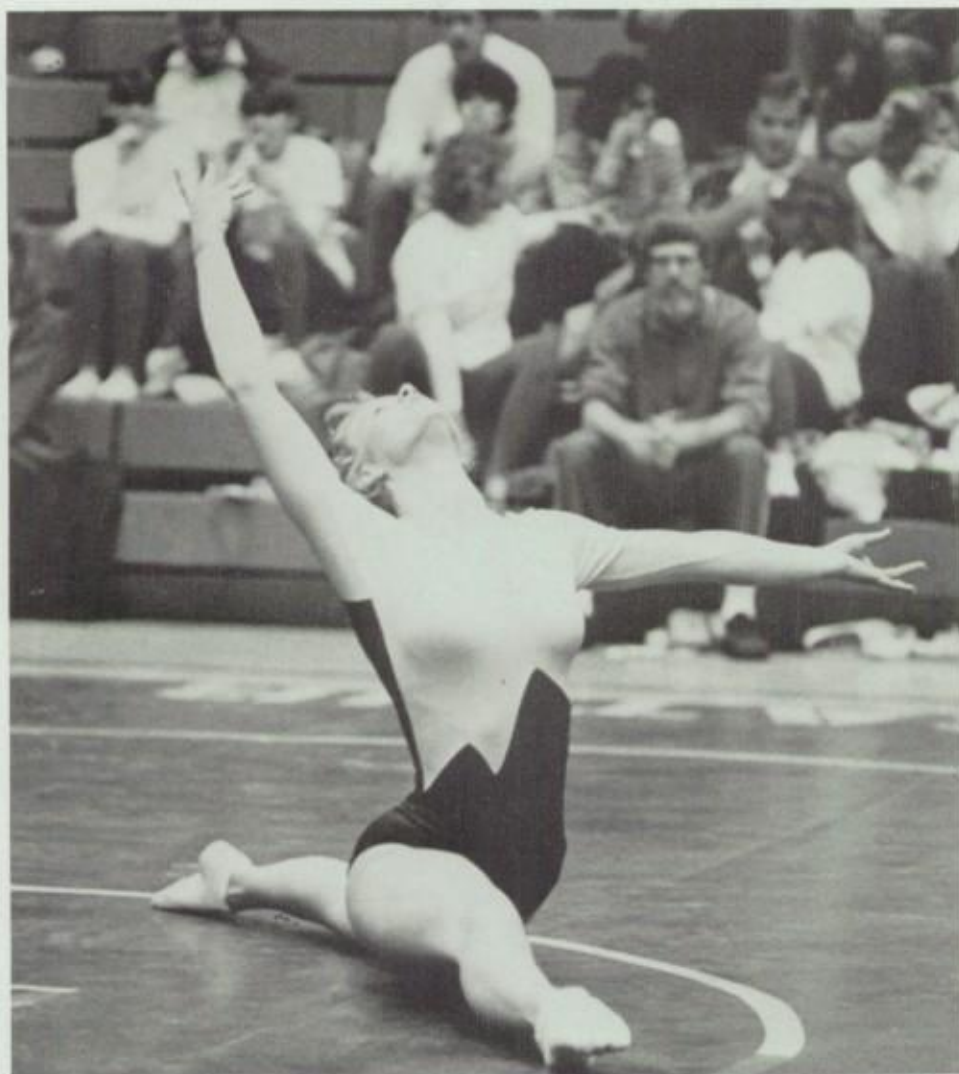
every week," said Molly Whitehead. "They really did the best they could do at every meet. Monica Stergon felt: "We really did well, and worked well, as a team."

"After most of the meets," Vonnie Montgomery said "we pretty much knew we had won." "The only times we really weren't sure was when we were up

against Federal Way and Thomas Jefferson, or Rogers." Rogers was the only team they didn't defeat.

"At the beginning of the season we started out as sophomores and seniors in two groups," said Krys Gabler, "But by the end we were no longer just sophomores and seniors, we were one big team."

Jodi Baker flipping over the horse.



Chong Yoon about to top off her routine.

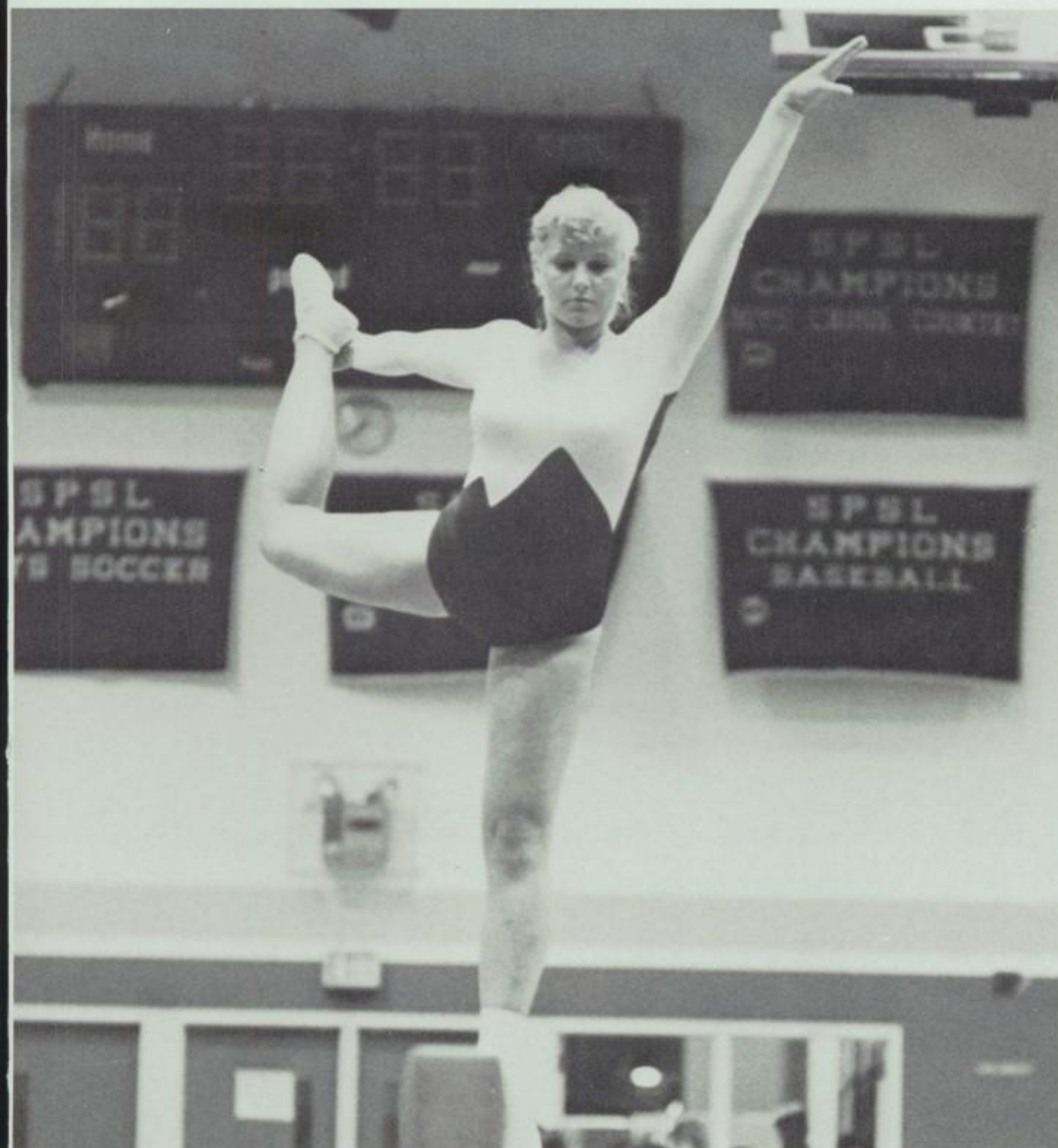
Vonnie Montgomery showing her expertise.



Front Row: K. Zirkovich, K. Stenerson, D. Anderson 2nd Row: L. Riley, J. Baker, M. Suveges Back Row: M. Whitehead, L. Gear, V. Montgomery, M. Stergion.

SCORECARD

DHS	114.98	PUYALLUP	(Cancel)
DHS		ROGERS	132.88
	135.6	T.J.	106.11
DHS		FEDERAL WAY	133.7
	123.36	SUMNER	58.4
DHS	130.02	PUYALLUP	111.74
DHS		SUMNER	89.77
	131.26	ROGERS	141.47
DHS		FEDERAL WAY	129.68
		T.J.	126.65



Monica Stergion concentrates as she nears the end of the beam.

Laura Gear demonstrates the handstand.

BOYS SWIMMING

SCORECARD

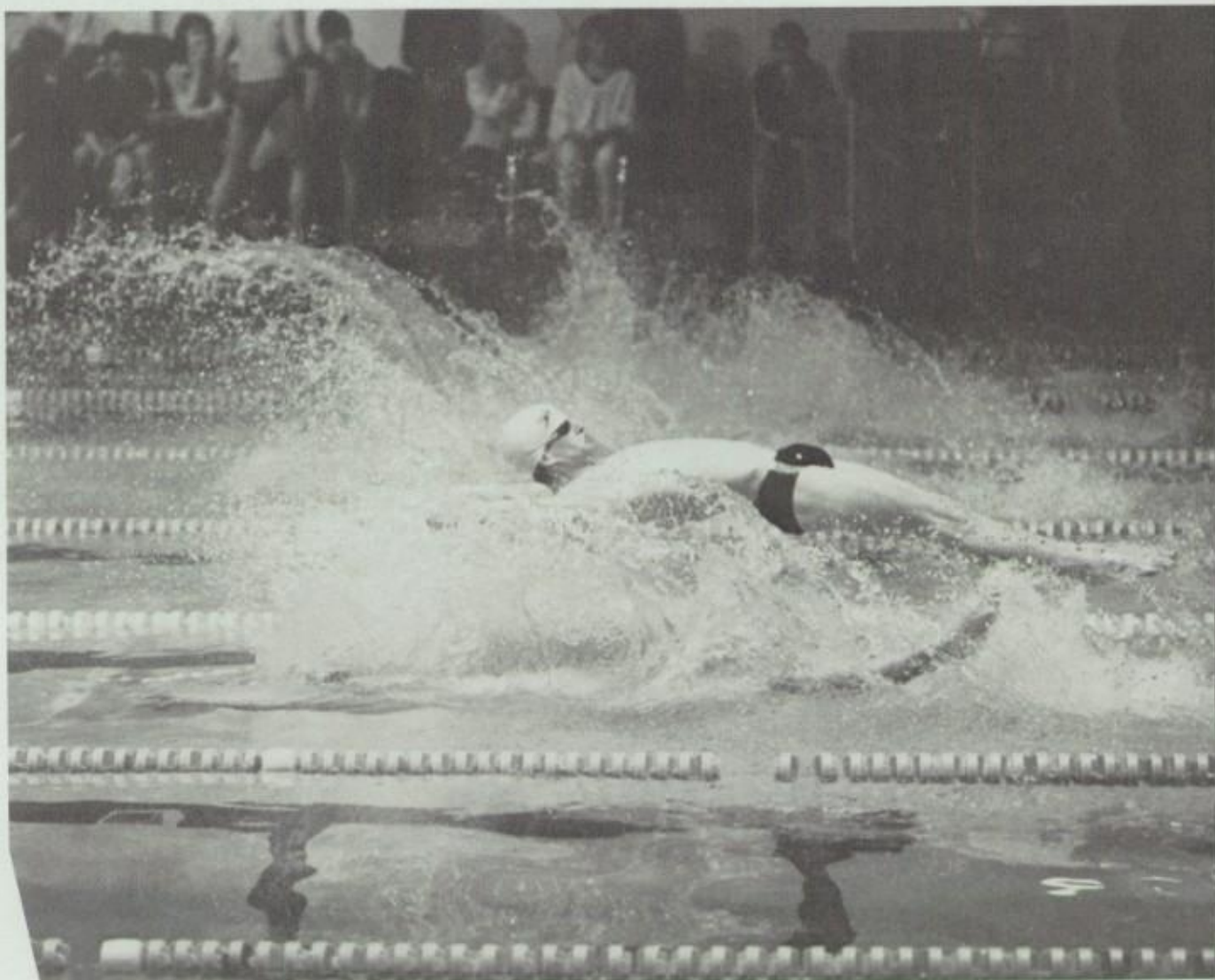
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DHS	56	PUYALLUP	114
DHS	31	CURTIS	141
DHS	47	CLOVER PARK	125
DHS	93	SUMNER	79
DHS	76	ROGERS	96
DHS	123	MT. TAHOMA	41
DHS	56	LAKES	116
DHS	74	JEFFERSON	98
DHS	52	FEDERAL WAY	119

Girls Swim team: B. Ambrose, T. Ashby, D. Brown, D. Reinsma, C. Nelson, J. Franklin, S. Dooley, V. Bowen, J. Berg, K. Richter, C. Ottelin, T. Giskin, J. Hester, S. O'Donnell, B. Dawson, M. Tuche, R. Ruvalcaba, D. White, T. Sparks, S. Jewitt, S. LaProwse, S. Reinsma, Dick Bacon, Coach.

Boys Swim team: L. Frank, M. Hennig, B. Leach, B. Hilby, W. Yi, M. Borfitz, J. Sanders, J. Berg, J. Cordick, R. Hamling, S. PaProwse, N. Lombov, D. Mason, S. O'Donnell, K. Schmid, M. Stivers, A. Massenheimer



Splash

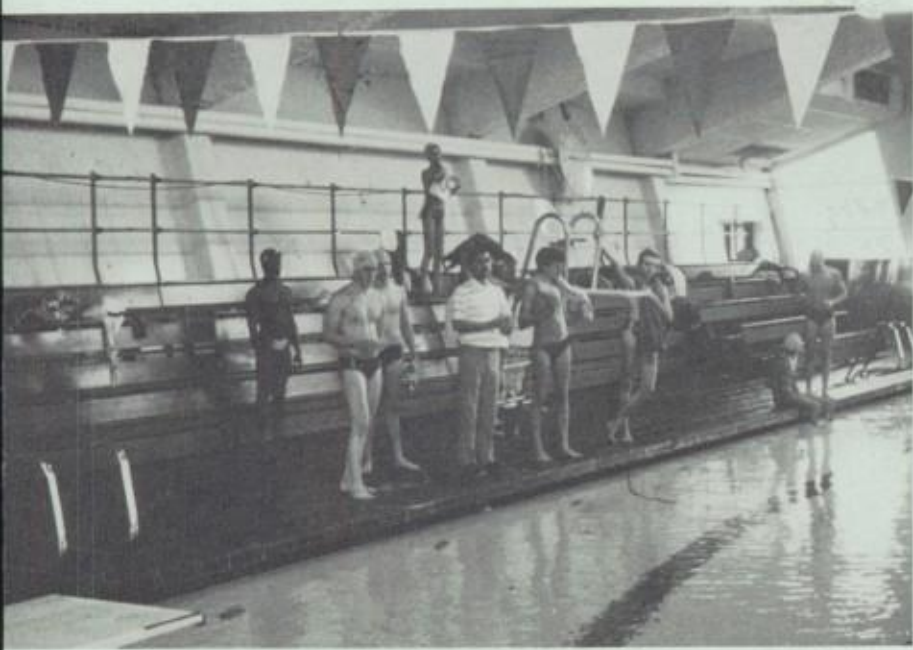


Kurt Schmidt flies BACK into action!

Coach Bacon talks to the girls about an upcoming meet against T.J.



DIVING INTO ACTION



The girls swim team had a really good season this year. They worked hard and put a lot of effort into their events. "It was a productive year," says coach Bacon. "We did better than we expected. I was happy with the whole outcome and our year overall." "I enjoyed swimming this year because I met a lot of people which was really great," Tami Ashby stated. "We had a good year and a lot of fun." "My senior year on the team was a lot of fun" said Daneen Brown. "At times it was hard but it was

worth it.

The boys team had a pretty good season. They really worked hard and put in some really good competition for the other teams. They really tried hard all season.

"We could have used more people but we had lots of potential," Bacon replies. "They worked really hard and had a good attitude all season." "It was lots of fun," said Louis Frank. "I really liked it." "It was an interesting year," says Jeff Berg "but fun!"



Jeff Cordick wins his race and shows terrific sportsmanship!



Ray Aldrich demonstrates a perfect straight dive for the proud Decatur swimming and diving team.

One-Two-Three-All swimmers look up and smile for the camera!

Daneen Brown smiles as she dreads climbing up the block to attempt a back dive.

SCORE CARD

1985 GIRLS SWIMMING

DHS 68	CLOVER PARK	68
DHS 75	PUYALLUP	90
DHS 51	CURTIS	121
DHS 98	SUMNER	73
DHS 16	WARRIOR RELAYS	8TH place
DHS 100	ROGERS	66
DHS 46	PUMPKIN RELAYS	4th
DHS 61	LAKES	110
DHS 105	LINCOLN	42
DHS 85	T.J.	84
DHS 54	FEDERAL WAY	112
DHS 47	DISTRICT 3B 8th (Prelims)	

Spirit

GO
GO
GO

Stephanie White and Jennifer Horner are trying hard to keep the spirit.

Flora Penning shows her pride for the Golden Gators.



Decatur's cheerleaders didn't let the rainy weather get them down on Homecoming game night.



CHEERLEADERS TOUCH OUR SPIRITS

Cheerleading is often associated with glamour and excitement. But actually there is a lot of hard work involved. Practices started during the summer for preparation of the first game. Their was first game paranoia, like during the school song Jenifer Horner "was jump-

ing by herself while the others were in a V." Or do we remember when it rained at the Homecoming game? Also in the memories there are many fun times. Flora Penning tells us "how they got caught having a toga party when the staff walked in." Laughing, Danille

Salzetti remembers "Pam Bowen doing Pee Wee Herman to Tequila." To sum up camp Stephanie White comments "it was the most memorable moment for the year." "Camp was fun, and there was "first game paranoia," stated Melanie Hobbs, but she was also glad

"pep assemblies were better this year." Julie Stenerson said "It gets you involved in things you normally wouldn't do." In conclusion here is a thought from Ms. Giste "I wish a satisfying and successful life to everyone, and for them to enjoy life."

Julie Stenerson works hard at showing her Gator spirit.



Jenifer Horner waits for the basketball game to start.

Michelle Werner, Jenifer Horner, and Julie Stenerson work on posters.



Clock wise from top: P. Bowen, M. Werner, J. Stenerson, J. Horner, F. Penning, D. Salzetti, J. French, B. Booker, S. White, M. Hobbs. Center: Ms. Giste

Special Features

THE CRAB

Did the space needle go totally seafood or what? I know this is the land of the crab, but I mean really, isn't this carrying it a bit too far? Is everyone's sign Cancer or something? Then what was that big crab doing on top of the space needle? To answer the questions is was a big promotion to celebrate seafood.

SKATEBOARDING

You've seen them hanging around after school on sunny days. You've seen them whizzing right by you as you're walking to school or home. We've all seen them!

They're that highly energized bunch of teenagers who spend their time ripping up the school grounds with their bomb drops and curb grinds.

For most of these guys, skateboarding is their whole world. Whether you're on the street or the ramp, the idea of getting as rad as possible is the key. All a skater has to do is walk out his front door and he has created a true skate environment. The main rule is, if it's concrete or wood, you can shred it to the core. There is more to skating than just "going out there and doing it." It's the fact that you control your environment and you make the decision of whether you will bail or not? As they defy gravity with these burly tricks, one of these deranged teens might blurt out "Skate and Destroy!"



SANTA

Santa Claus, the visitor of the year, or should we say, "visited." We all have had the chance to sit on Santa's lap and tell him what we want for Christmas. Ann Foshage and Lisa Favro had a chance to visit Santa and his little helpers. "Thanks Mr. Garner."



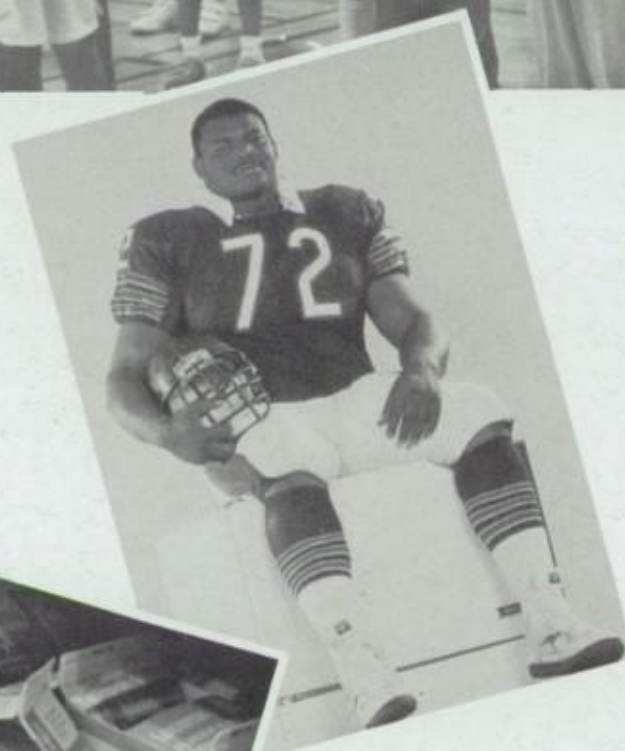
CHEERLEADER

Cheerleaders of the future. Decatur's cheerstaff held a cheer clinic for the younger generation of kindergarten through the 6th grade. There were 100 plus little cheerers to cheer on the spirit at our game.



ADMINISTRATION

This academic year, Decatur High School was, shall we say blessed?, with to new vice principals, Mr. Jack Curtright and Mrs. Brenda Renrick. With the help of Dr. Purcell and Mr. McDonald, they sure have let the students know who was boss during the first few weeks of school as they literally followed the district handbook by shutting of the vending machines and enforcing strict dance rules. And as if that wasn't enough, along came the ever awful progressive discipline. However, soon enough, they eased off the dance rules a bit, turned on the vending machines, and, much to all the students surprised turned out to be nice people after all. Strict, but nice.



REFRIG

His mama raised a giant, William Perry, "The Human Refrigerator" William Perry played for the Chicago Bears. He played the positions of running back and defense for the line.

MISSING

On the back of milk cartons, on handouts in the mail, on the news we can find pictures, names and descriptions of children believed to be missing. With this help of publicity for everyone to see at one time or another, some of the children have been reunited with their proper family. It does work! Reuniting the children with their family is a sight. In everyday life you see these pictures and the area they were last seen in just happens to be your city, you think for a moment saying, "I've seen him/her around but where?" I've found myself asking these questions. I say its because we would like to help and we picture in our minds that we've seen them before, when we really don't know for sure.

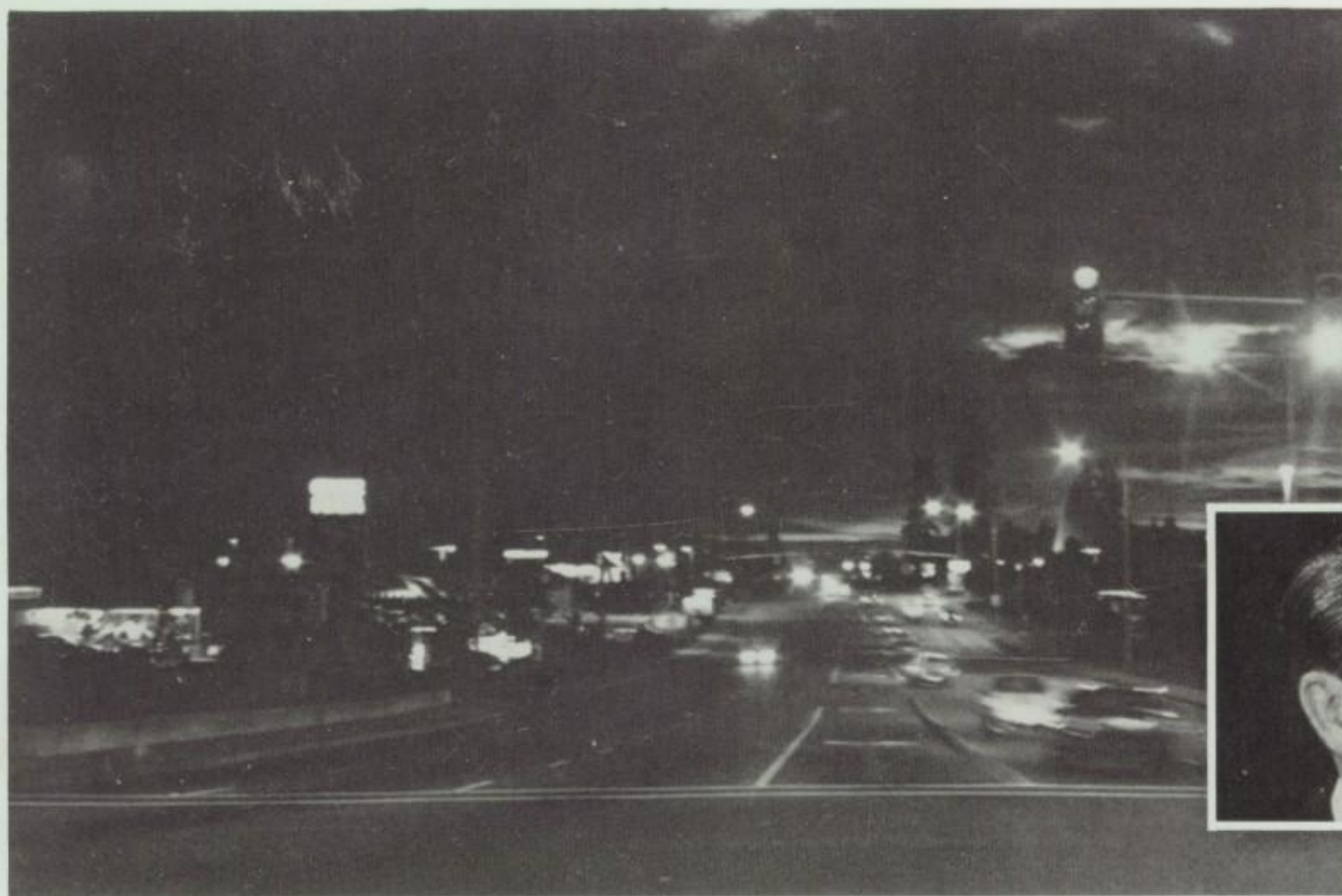


STOP!

This year drinking and driving has been stressed through out the world. Stop! before you start. The majority of car accidents have in some way something to do with a drunk driver. In most situations the intoxicated driver isn't injured although the car, person or whatever he came in contact with is either dead or in critical condition. There are a few alternatives to driving home intoxicated. On holidays there are hotlines you can call for a ride home, call a taxi. Another alternative for a teenager would be to sign one of the contracts with your parents stating when you have gone out drinking that all you have to do is call them to come pick you up, or you call a taxi and they pick up the fare. How many teenagers would tell their parents, "I've been drinking, will you come get me?" How many parents would understand and not punish



you? In some cases this understanding and the signing of the contract is helpful. If you abuse the priviledge, your parents will think of another solution. Just don't drink and drive it is very dangerous. You may say, "I've made it home before, I can drive I'm not drunk!" Think twice and don't deny it. You may think your driving is alright but you are really all over the road.



REAGAN

It was time to roll out the red carpet. This year Seattle was charmed by the presence of Ronald Reagan, who had stopped in town for a short visit just to say "hi" and see how things were doing.

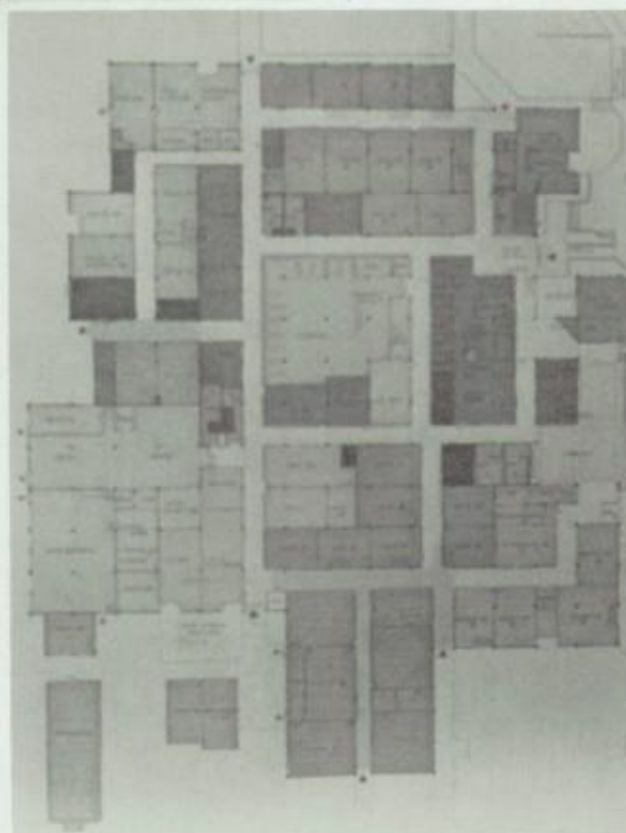


CITY?

Incorporation has been a big issue in Federal Way, which isn't officially a city but just a mass area full of people in South King County. There had been many pros and cons about incorporation discussed, and Federal Way residents are just about split half and half on the idea. Incorporation could bring about better services

such as a city police force, but unfortunately, it may raise taxes. (wince!) At the election in November, incorporation lost by a narrow margin, and it was at the polls this spring. If incorporated, Federal

Way is rumoured to be the 6th largest city in the state, and we may even appear on the map!



FW SEAL

In case Federal Way were ever to be incorporated, the officials wanted to be ready. In order to do this, they needed an official seal. And so the contest was on throughout the Federal Way schools. Who could design the Federal Way Seal? There were elementary, junior high, and senior high divisions, and lo and behold!- Decatur's Todd Bernave took first place in the Senior High Division, winning \$100 and lots of publicity. He is surely soon to be a household name!

WHEELS

Although Decatur has always been equipped with features such as rampways to serve handicapped people, handicapped students have never attended Decatur- at least not until this year. It was the first day of school, and I was running late for class as I noticed a guy in a wheelchair right in front of me. I thought to myself, "He's probably having a lot of trouble getting through the halls." Since then Adam has been doing quite nicely finding his way around. And his presence is definitely a mile stone for Decatur!



25 MPH

Nothing like cruising up the 35th Ave. strip at 47½ miles per hour, right? Well no more, at least that's what the Twin Lakes drivers found out one shocking afternoon, when the police were catching them like flies. Soon hand painted signs were popping up all over the surrounding yards, and "How fast are you going?" became a common question. It was evident that the 25 mph speed limit needed to be enforced.



FIRE!?

It wasn't just your occasional fire drill. All the students went outside as usual, but they found much to their surprise that they were not allowed to come back in. Was it a real fire? It was thought to be at first, but it turned out to be a false alarm. Do you remember that little incident, or maybe you were absent from school that day?

RECONSTRUCT

You may or may not know this, but this summer Decatur will undergo metamorphosis and turn into- (gasp!)- a New Decatur! Plans are set for the remodeling of the school, which should be completed by the end of the 1987 school year. It is understood that everything is going to be changed, so if you ever come back and visit the school, '86 seniors, plan on being lost. Any requests? More windows, please...

FIELD HOUSE

Last fall, students and members of the community, led by Susan McColley, signed a petition to have our field house named after Frank Grady, the man who was a Booster Club Member, Photographer of games, and a friend to all. Unfortunately, the Board had rejected the proposal on the grounds

that future classes and staff would not be aware of the contributions made by Grady.



MAT 6

The State Legislature has made mandatory for all 4th, 8th, and now 10th graders to take this test. This will replace the CAT test taken by juniors. The MAT 6 is more or less similar to the CAT, but there are some differences. The MAT asks specific questions such as whether or not you own a VCR, or if you have cable T.V. The legislature can use this info to plan for new projects and requirements. For example, if a high percentage

of students own a VCR, then maybe school districts will provide visual aids for students to use at home if they are missing school. The reason for the changes in tests is because of the changes in the ways subjects are being taught in the school district. It will take 3 years to find out whether or not this test is useful.



SATIN-N-BOWS

The elegance of the Tacoma Winthrop Hotel provided a backdrop for Homecoming 1985. It was a ballroom of crystal chandeliers, satin, bows and tuxes a fitting place to "Capture the Moment". The event culminated a rousing spirit week and homecoming game. It seemed a night of music and dreams were in order to celebrate. The hotel, even though ample in size seemed dwarfed by the overwhelming attendance of decked out dancers.



BE-BOP

Kelly, Heather, and Sabrina be-bop up to the refreshments.



SHUFFLE

Greg shuffles his way across the floor.



SWAY

There were no shortages of after school, after game, after anything dances this year. There were 60's, Video, Sweetheart, Hat and Tie, T-shirt, and generic flavored dances.

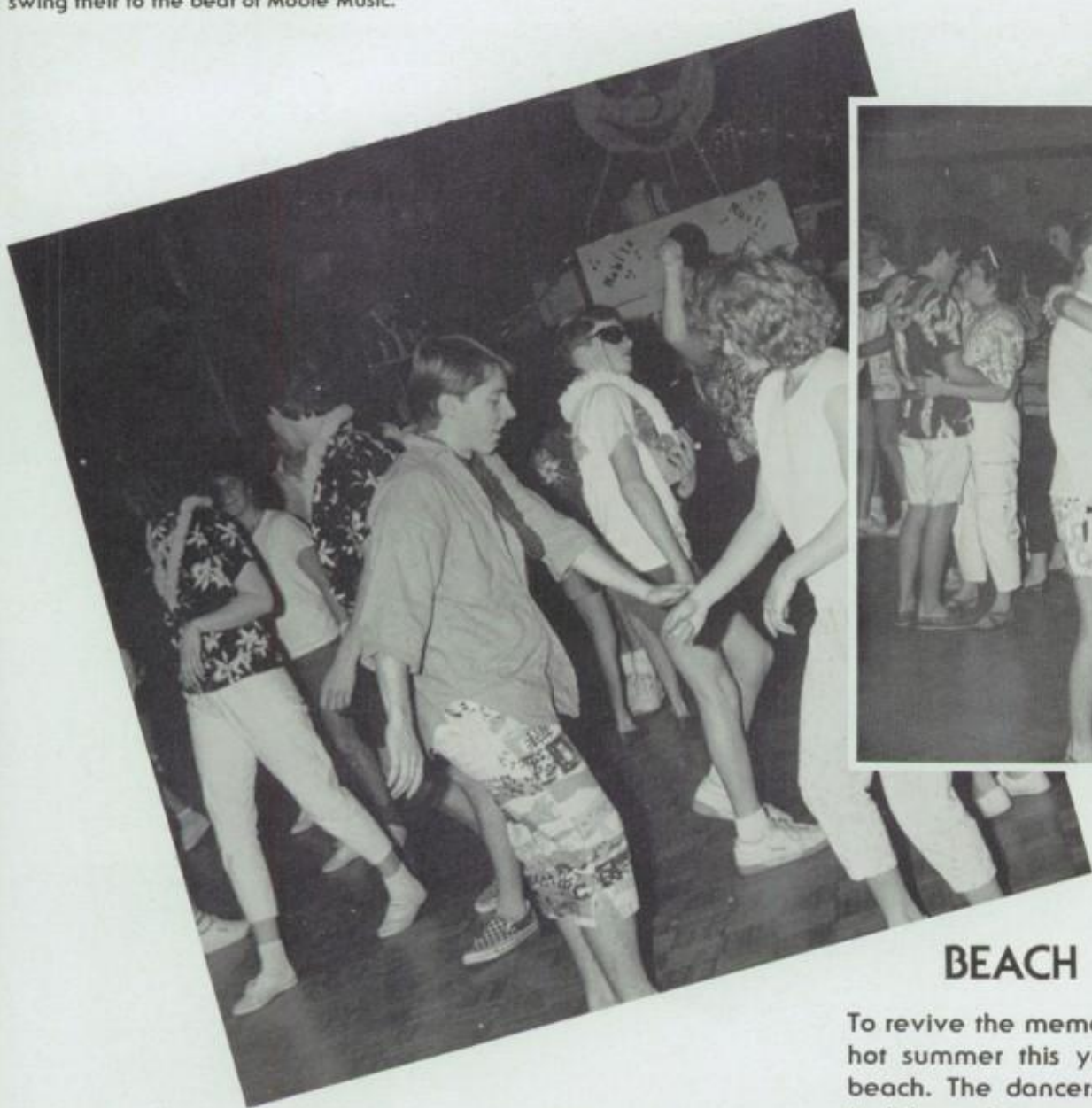


ROCK-IN

Could it be love?

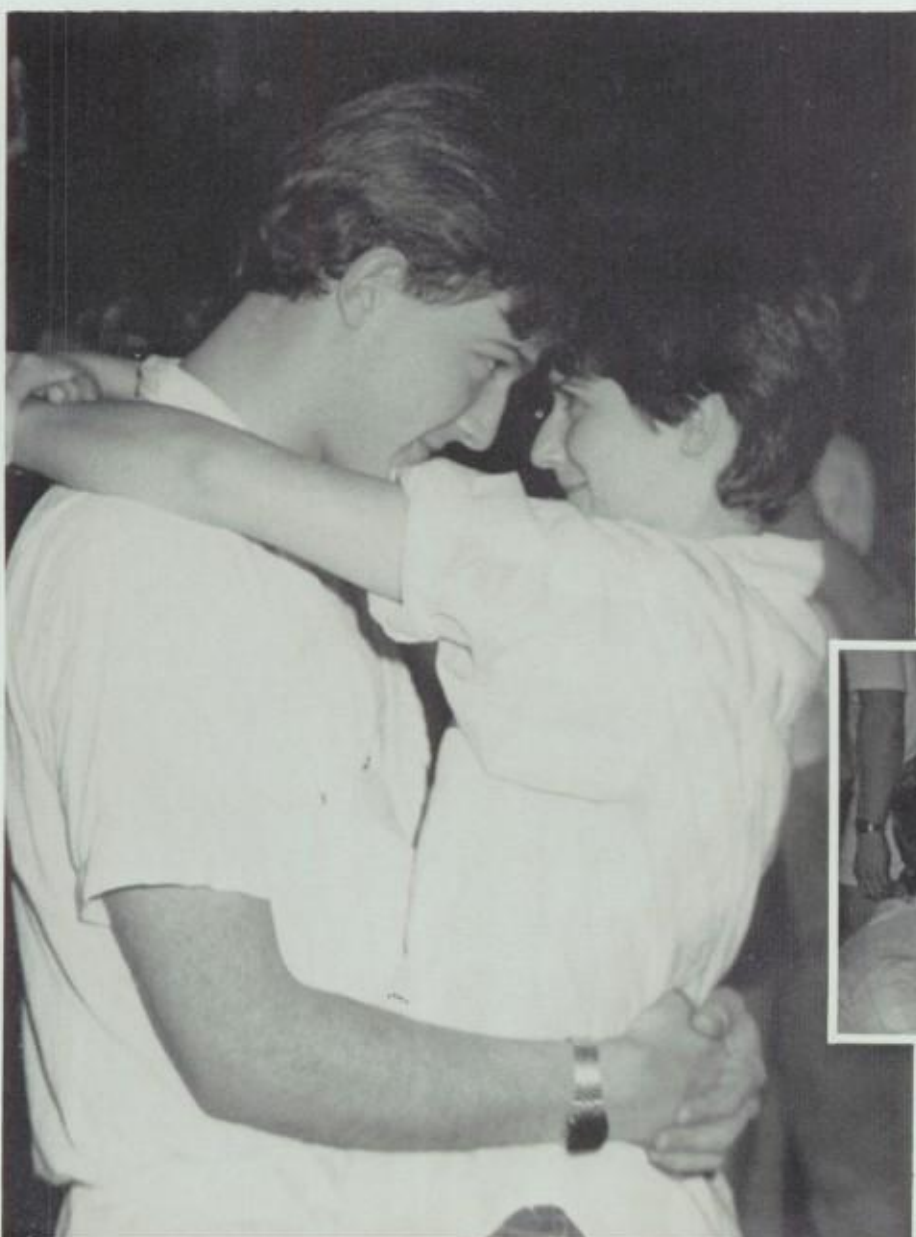
SWING

Chad Warren and Vonnie Montgomery swing their to the beat of Mobile Music.



BEACH TOLO

To revive the memory of a long and hot summer this years tolo hit the beach. The dancers were free and Mobile and so was the music you'll remember that wild Hawaiian prints were heavy and Bermuda's were the thing to wear.



SPRING PROM

The Bicentennial Pavillon will host the Junior Senior Prom. Last years 450 plus people forwarded the need of a larger area. May 10th makes it the earliest prom in recent years and attendance is sure to break all records. The seniors are putting on their own prom for the first time in Decatur history. Mr. Hamamoto and Ms. Giste, senior advisors, are well qualified to handle the event as they also organized the 1985 prom. Everything has been planned to perfection even the tickets are etched brass key chain tags. Cinderalla couldn't ask for more.



JAMMIN'

Steph Carlson and Bruce Leach relax after Jam'in awhile on the dance floor.

MATCHMAKER A SMASH!

The most successful play Decatur has seen in years was the senior class production of "The Matchmaker" by Thornton Wilder.

The leading characters were outstanding. Mrs. Dolly Levi was played most emphatically by Julie Cook, and the colorful Barnaby Tucker was played with cleverness, wit and a abundance of energy by the "dark horse of Broadway," Robert C. Witter.

The above mentioned characters, only added to the spectrum of talent, which included the beautifully charming and talented Carolyn Polansky, portraying the love-torn Ermengarde.

The love of Ermengarde's life was Ambrose Kemper, played eloquently by Norm Seaholm, who was always there to rescue her. Sometimes that meant giving her



an encouraging kiss (and leaving half of his moustache in her mouth) or carrying her out of the dreadful scene in which she meets her dasterdly uncle Horace Vandergelder in the restaurant and faints.

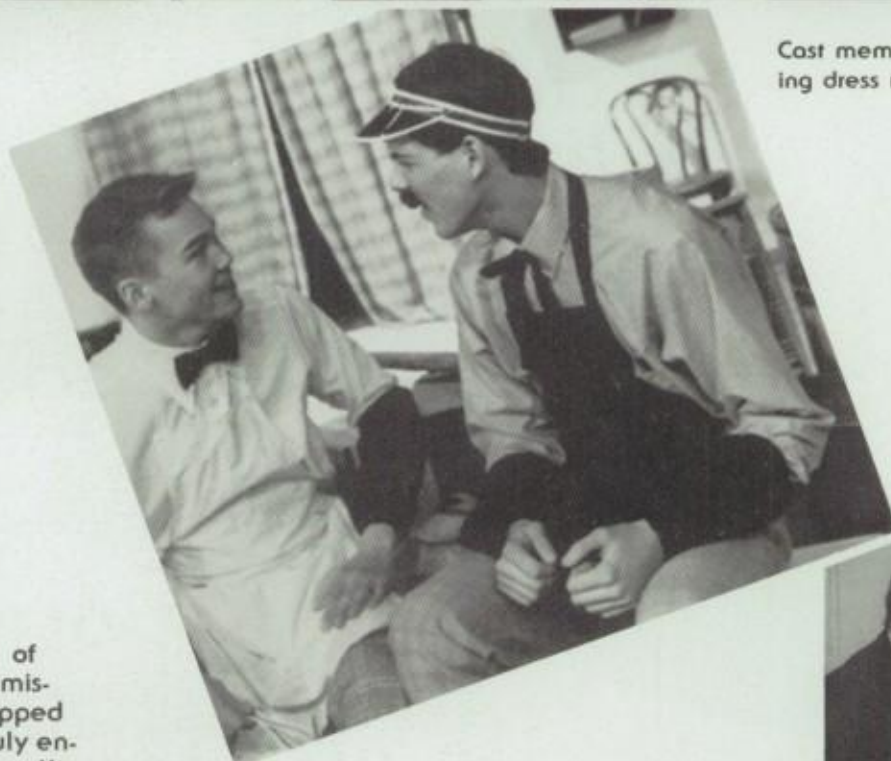
The dasterdly uncle was loudly portrayed by Mark Antilla. The actor brought a sense of order and sternness to the stage showing the true personality of the character.

David Beagle, the man behind the character of Cornelius Hackle, brought laughter and fun to the stage, especially in the scene between Cornelius and Malichi. Mr. Vandegelder's drunken assistant, played superbly by Mark Davis.

Mrs. Malloy and Minnie were a delight to watch, played by Linda Flannery and Sandy Schmale. Their sense of timing always remained perfect. Susan Heath made Mrs. VanHuysen come alive with her sense of humor. Always sniffing the snuff, one sometimes wondered if there might be anything in that snuff box. The supporting characters of the waiter's, Tim Simonson, and Marty Osborn, and the barber Scott Sampson only added to the production.



Cast members of "The Matchmaker" during dress rehearsal.



Barnaby and Cornelius make plans for a weekend of fun and "Pudding."



"May I get your menu?" This is probably what this waiter said to Dolly as he seated her into her chair.



"Nice guy" Mark Antilla portrays the evil Horace Vandergelder, Ermengarde's uncle.



How could Ermengarde help but want to run away and marry Ambrose?

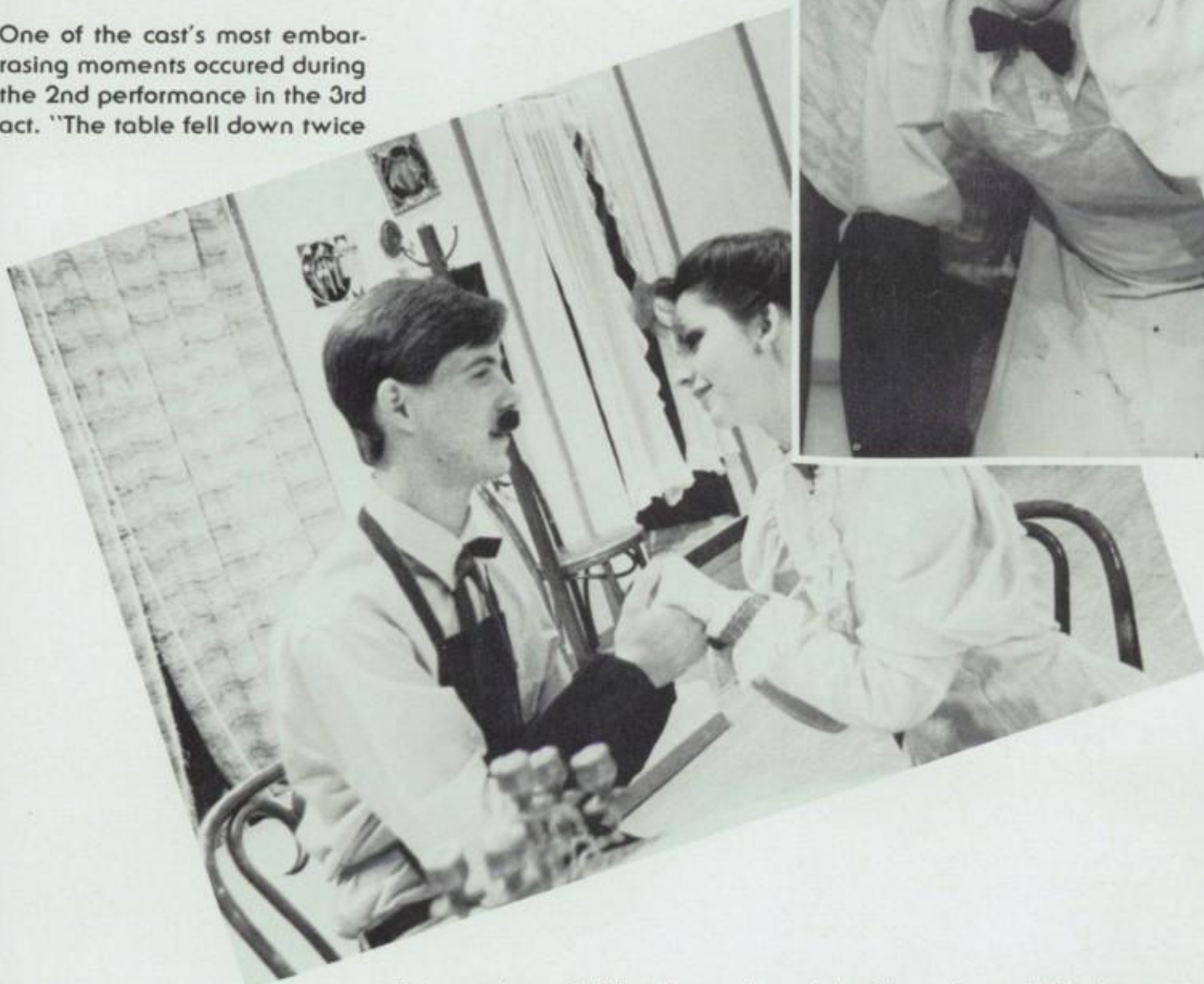
A COMMENT?

When Sandy Schmale was asked about "The Matchmaker," she replied, "It involved a lot of time. It was quite different than any other play because we went to such a great expense, such as renting costumes. As a result we've had much better attendance than usual; it was one of the best plays we've ever done."

One of the cast's most embarrassing moments occurred during the 2nd performance in the 3rd act. "The table fell down twice

during the act. So in order for it to remain standing, Linda Flannery had to hold it up with one hand while Marty Osborn held it underneath. They had to do that for ten minutes!"

Cornelius Hackle wooed Mrs. Malloy with his charm.



Robert Witter, alias Barnaby Tucker, attempts to hide under the table. Do you suppose it will break?



Dolly (Julie Cook) sneaks a look at the dastardly Mark Antilla.

Cast members of "The Mouse that Roared," another play put on by the drama department earlier this year that de-

lighted the audiences. Unlike the matchmaker, this play involved also sophomores and juniors.



Mark Davis is carefully studying his lines, contemplating how he's going to act out his character.



RAMBO

Sylvester Stallone becomes American Hollywood hero, as youth hurry to become rambofied!



SPRINGSTEEN

"THE BOSS" Marries and his record soar on the charts



THE FUTURE AND FOX

Michael J. Fox TOPS THE BOX
OFFICE AT \$100,000 dollars



KERMIT

AMERICA'S Best known
Frog celebrated his 30th
birthday with Jim Henson,
Miss Piggy & the gang.



MEN WHO PUT MIAMI BACK ON THE MAP

Miami Vice stars Don Johnson and Phillip Michael Thomas



OUT OF AFRICA

Meryl Streep & Robert Redford in Academy winner epic on Africa



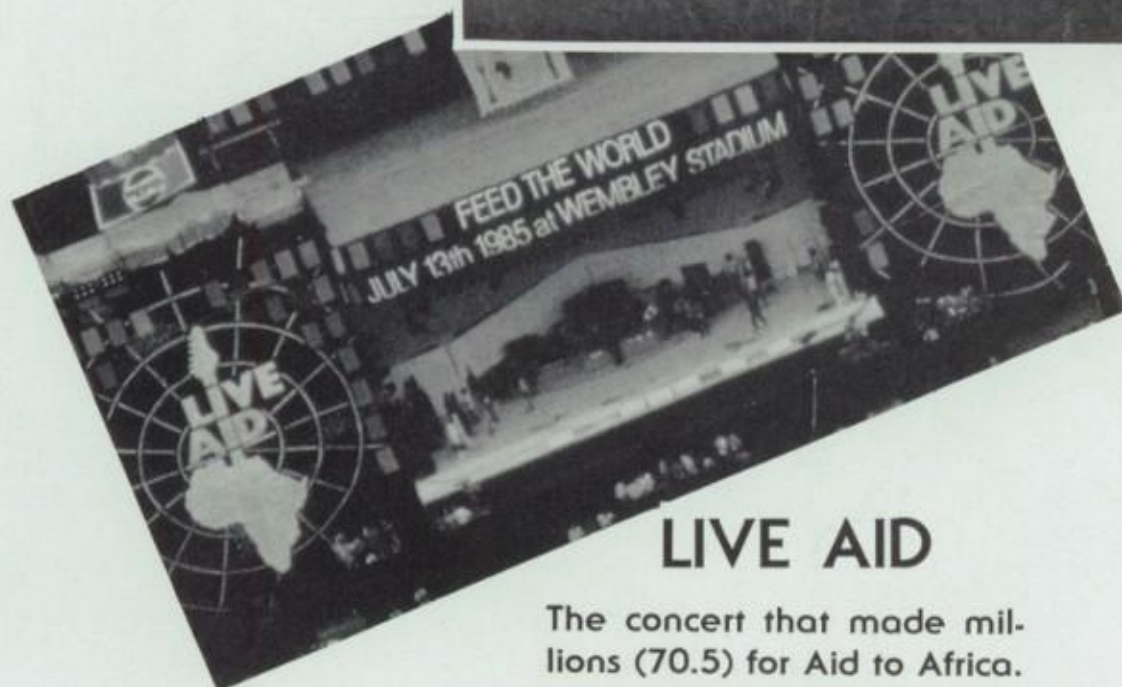
BILL COSBY

And family number one T.V. series



MOONLIGHTING

Vamp Sybil Sheppard, and Bruce Willis



LIVE AID

The concert that made millions (70.5) for Aid to Africa.

Special Features

BATTLE OF THE BANDS

The battle of the bands included everything from hard rock to pop. It was quite a variety and a challenge to play against each other. The different groups were liked by different people although they were all great and very well liked. The most popular group was Person L. Some say it was The Blitz, but more favors toward Person L. We were lucky enough to get pictures of the event from Kim Dillon. The battle was solved by the judges that were set up in front of the stage next to each other with their coke. One of the judges was our very own J.G.

HELLO JELLO

There's wrestling, tag team wrestling, big time wrestling, sumo wrestling, and mud wrestling. But jello wrestling? For those of you who have always had fantasies of being surrounded by food, this event was just for you! Taking place on March 7th, the evening was full of fun, entertainment and goop!

The gym was filled with wrestlers that couldn't wait to go slipping and sliding in the yellow jello, along with the crowd which filled the air with cheering and laughing. The students that participated had an excellent time trying to pull the teachers into the yellow jello.



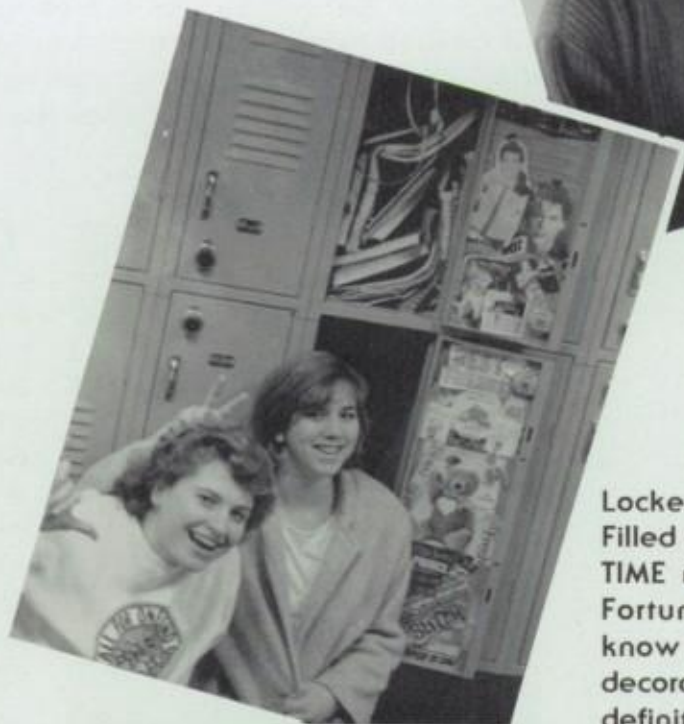
FRIENDS

This gorilla, Koko, has a little friend. Koko has worked with trainers and this little kitten to improve his 500 word vocabulary in sign language.



7-11

Is it soon to be nomore? Teenage hangout for all! The business aren't appreciating the teenagers hanging out around the 7-11, they say, "It causes them to lose business." Is it true or does it bring them on? Usually there is a police man that stops by occasionally on Friday and Saturday nights to clear the area out.



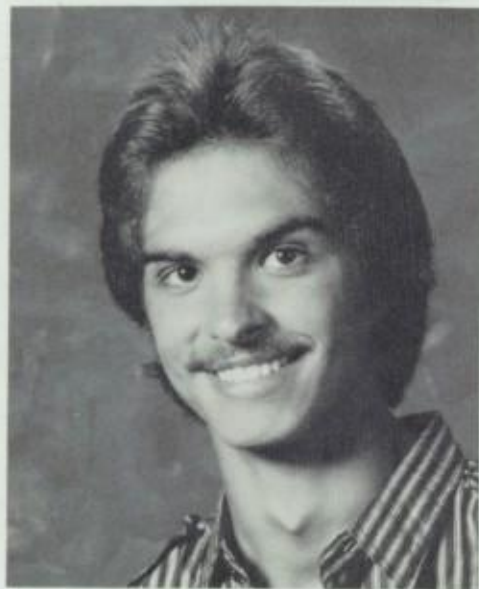
A TRIBUTE

Sometimes I cry
for things others think of as the past
but as I gaze through the windows
of the moving world gone by
the question protrudes
and finally, at last - why?
Eternity came all so fast
how could one so innocent be
called to die?
Yet in the midst of dark
a light begins to cast
for a youth who received his
chance to fly
through out the heavens vast.

R.E.

This poem is dedicated to the memory of Dean Budinich, a sophomore who died in a tragic scuba diving accident Feb. 23, 1986. Dean was well liked by all who knew him at Decatur. He had been involved in auto shop, taking courses in auto body and fender work at Green River Community College.

The Decatur Annual Staff wishes to express their deepest sympathy for his family and friends.



LOCKERS

Lockers, lockers, everywhere! Filled with books, papers, and old TIME magazines. So what, right? Fortunately, Decatur students know how to add variety through decoration, and this talent was definitely shown on the interior sides of locker doors. Pictures of friends, rockstars, movie stars, fancy sports cars, sex symbols, and everything under the sun. You name it- it's on a locker door. Here we've captured for you just a few of some of the school's outrageous lockers.



THE ROCK

Hollywood and the American public sadly said goodbye to a hero of the golden age of light hearted romance. He became the first famous person to die of AIDS.



MISS LIBERTY

For nearly 100 years the Statue of Liberty has been the American symbol of freedom. Time, salt, air pollution and weather have eaten away at the framework and copper. The restoration has one of the largest nation wide projects in history. Pennies, soup labels, matching monies and hundreds of other fundraisers have been established to collect the 230 million dollars needed to carry out the work by the one hundreth anniversary of the Lady with the torch of Liberty that everyone has come to cherish.



GIRL GLOBETROTTER

The nationally renowned Harlem Globetrotters have just aquired their first female. The all male basketball ranks have hired 26 year old Lynette Woodard.



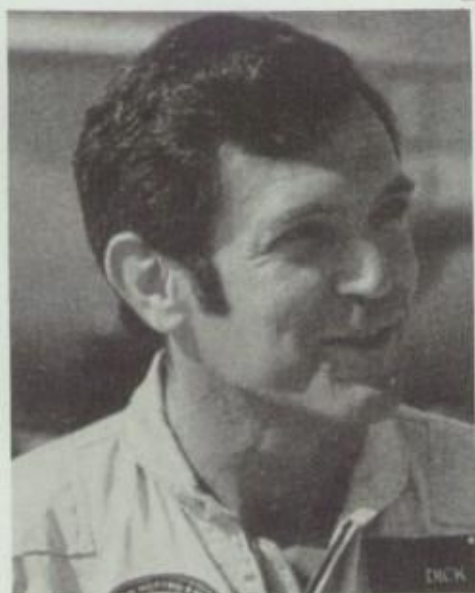
President and Mrs. Reagan



CRISTA MCAULIFFE

Christa McAuliffe, the first civilian aboard was a high school social studies, teacher from New Hampshire. A symbol of a new step in space travel.

Auburn graduate, Dick Scobee, made the impact to the are even more personal and tragic.



DICK SCOBEE



CHALLENGER

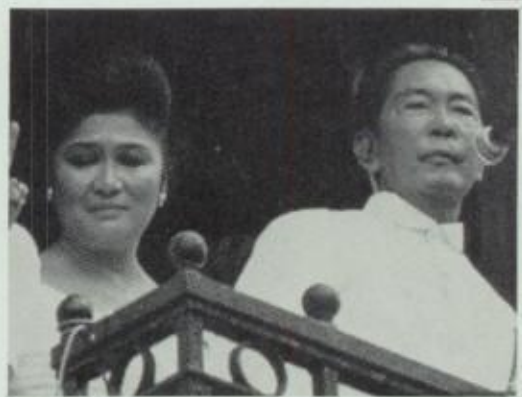
Shock, horror, and grief were the reactions of the American people as they watched the space shuttle Challenger explode with incredible force only seconds after lift off. The seven aboard were Gregory Jarvis, Ellison Onizuka, Francis Scobee, Judith Resnik, Ronald McNair, Michael Smith, and Christa McAuliffe.

AFTER 73 YEARS, THE GREAT SHIP IS FOUND.

On Sunday, April 14, at 11:40 p.m. the world's largest and most luxurious ocean liner was steaming through the North Atlantic when an iceberg slashed a 300-foot gash in her starboard side. Two hours and 40 minutes later, the ship dubbed unsinkable disappeared into the sea. On Sunday, September 1, 1985, at one a.m. seven engineers were studying TV monitors on the U.S. Navy research vessel "Knorr", 400 miles off the coast of Newfoundland, when a clutter of metal debris and the shadow of a ship's boiler flashed across a screen. The viewers cheered; 12,000 feet below, they realized, lay the Titanic. Over the next five days thousands of images of the ocean liner were recorded. Shortly after the find, the team assembled on the fantail to conduct a memorial service for the 1,503 people lost in the disaster. It was the same hour-and the same place the Titanic had gone down 73 years before.

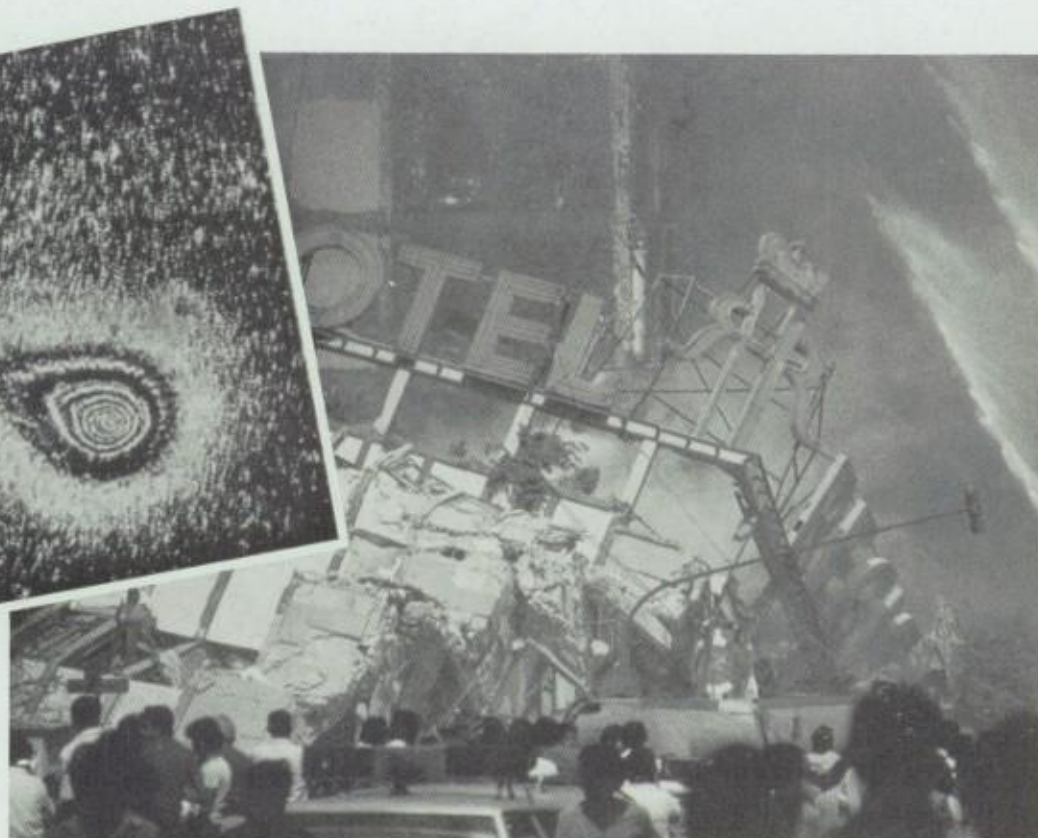
HERE COMES THE COMET

Feared in the past centuries as an omen of disaster, Halley's comet this time around is being welcomed as a scientific event of the year. The last time the comet was viewed was 1910. The comet is a mixture of ice, frozen gases, rocks and dust. Halley's comet has a 3 million mile long tail, which was visible in December 1985. Seeing a vision of the comet 39 million miles away is once in a life time for most of us.



MARCOS FLEES

President Marcos and wife Esmerelda both fled to Hawaii after the first change in leadership in the Phillipines in years.



QUAKE SHAKES MEXICO

Parts of Mexico City were turned to rubble in seconds as the country experienced its worst quake in history. Luxury hotels and city buildings looked as if a giant foot had trampled them. As many as 20,000 were lost, mostly in the capital.



AID TO AFRICA

The time and talent of the music industries finest banded together to raise millions for famine relief in Ethiopia and the rest of Africa.

FISHER OF GOLD

Mel Fisher found 47 tons of silver and gold in the largest recovery of treasure ever. A \$400 million dollar trove.



Leather boots were hotter than ever this year along with the ever-popular top-siders and converse hightops.

Time flies with the newest in watches. The trendiest way to tell time.



It's a Revival!

Keep in the old and bring in the new. Revivals are poppin up everywhere and they are making big news for fashion. The trend this year heads toward the creation of an updated, modern look of sophis-

tication, with smooth lines and body accenting clothes. Looking back on the past decades, we see small hints and details of what were once hot items slowly making their way back in. Paired with today's progressing fashions, old news is making big news. Looking back to the 50's we see a revival with the varsity look. Your mother may have worn similar clothes to what you are wearing today.

by Julie Harper

Lisa Comstock and Susan Cook made a bold fashion statement while enjoying suckers.



Decatur Hair School

The question floating in the minds of the Gators is "What can I do with my hair that has never been done before?" Decatur had a rainbow of hair colors being paraded through the halls. From Ann Kim with blue in her hair to Lisa Wood with orange hair, we had the most colorful hair in town. Short hair and long hair alike were made into the most stylish cuts. Micah Schlede had the "my little pony" look with his blonde mane streaked orange. We could always look forward to what who was doing next.

From new, to classic to cherry cola.



James Drury, Chris Klobutcher and Mike Reagan display the newest apparel for men. They are one step ahead of G.Q.

Beth Schank sports menswear.



Look what's new!

Reeboks, bobby socks, stirrup pants and swatches were among the newest trends this year. Everything from silver shoes to silver hair was the rage. Students at Decatur had no qualms about what they were wearing, they went all out, hoping to make the next big fashion statement. The Madonna look was in full swing with the leggings under the skirts and the popular rosary beads. Everyone was dragging out grandma's jewelry and mom's old sweaters and making a mad dash to the Salvation Army.

IS IT A FAD . . . OR A FASHION!

What was born & worn in the USA

- stirrup pants were revised
- cherry coke
- Sylvester Stallone Clones
- Paisleys make a come back
- Jelly gummy bears
- Transformers (for kids)
- Barbie Doll turned 26 and finally got a job- Yuppie American
- Madonna wanna-be -lace look was back
- the "Boss" gets married
- swatch watch
- Reeboks
- fruit and fiber cereals
- fiber fad (tums)
- tanning beds
- Lynette Woodard-1st female Harlem Globetrotter
- Cabbage Patch- write and braces
- Statue of Liberty- gets a face lift
- Burger King unites Herb and the Whopper

How Vogue!

Sandy Sun, Mary O'Brien, Wendy Cavanaugh and Tom Anderson shows off their own styles.



REEBOK-shoes of style

An individual with an individual hairstyle, Bobby Middleton, shows how hair is supposed to look.

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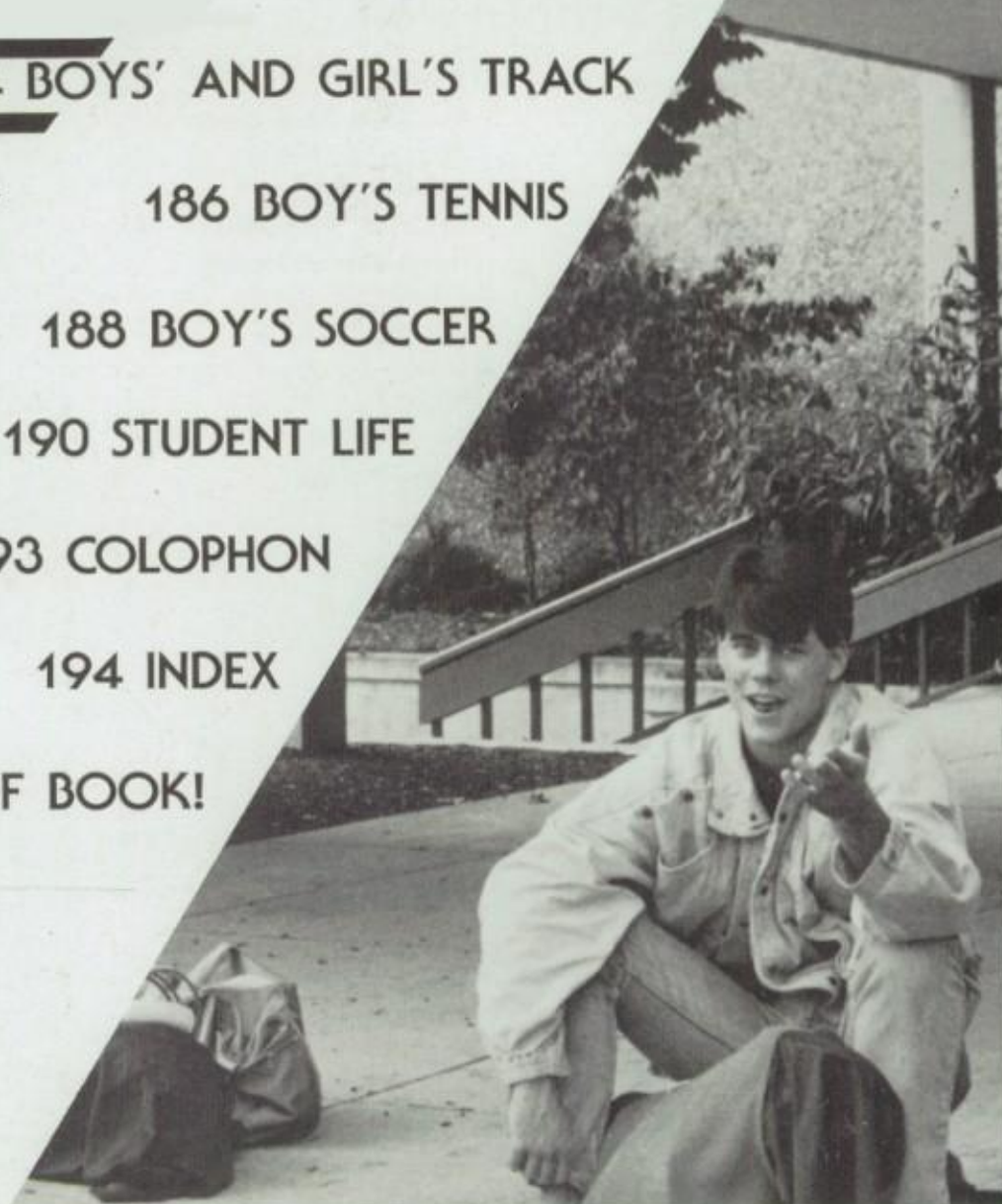
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A RECAP

Dec 20 - Spirit of Giving Assembly

Oct 5 - Leadership Camp

Oct 22 - Fall Concert

Nov 1 - Homecoming

Mar 7 - Jello Wrestling

May 10 - Prom

June 14 - Graduation



TAKING OVER

As the '85-'86 school year draws to a close, it seems that there are an ever-increasing number of activities occurring.

ASB ELECTIONS

ASB elections were held on May 1st. This was a record year for the number of candidates-21 in all.

The 1986-87 ASB officers chosen were Molly O'Donnell-Community Relations, Chad Warren-Activities Coordinator, Mike Kawata-Art and Publicity, Stacy Green-Treasurer, Jarrett Mentink-Secretary, John Day-Vice-President, and Jeff Witter-President.

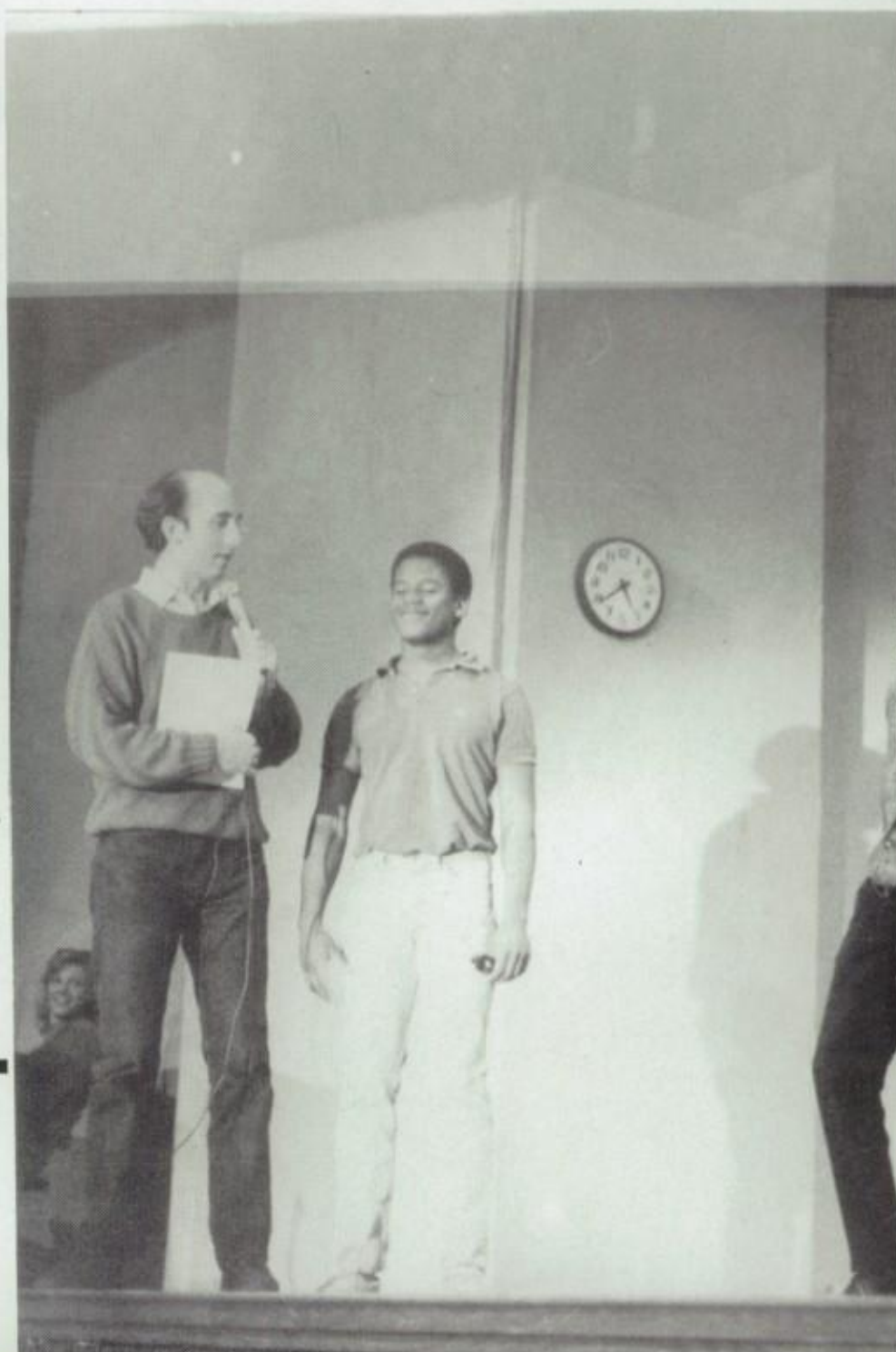
The Mr. Decatur Contest was the grand finale to the spectacular day-long carnival, Gator Aid. The 2nd annual competition was hosted by KING T.V.'s John Keister. Contestants trying for the coveted title were Tim Upshaw, Chuck Lassiter, Leonard Riley, Tyler Ashbridge, Jeff Sloane and Mike Olson. Squeezed between the swimsuit talent, evening wear and interview competition was John Keister's amusing commentary. The winners were Leonard Riley-3rd runner-up, Tim Upshaw-2nd runner-up, and Jeff Sloane-this year's Mr. Decatur.

Decatur students were spotlighted as award winners at two local art shows. The Green River Community College Art Exhibit, and the Highline Community College Art Exhibit. Todd Bernave received a merit award for acrylic "Coming Home." At the HCC show, Decatur took three out of the seven awards given. Mark Davis was presented with a merit award for his embossment. Sondra Bishop also received a merit award for her stippling. Todd Bernave's acrylic "Coming Home" took first place.



Vannessa Dodson enjoys her position as product demonstrator.

John Keister discusses the Mr. Decatur contest with last years winner, Louis Frank.



1985-86 Members of National Honor Society:

R. Aley, C. Anderson, K. Benner, H. Bennett, D. Byrd, B. Carda, Y.S. Cha, I.S. Cha, D. Chapman, K. Chell, A. Cheung, M. Choon, J. Christianson, J. Cordick, S. Dawson, J. Day, K. Erskine, J. Ferari, B. Florito, W. Gauthier, N. Geisler, R. Hamling, B. Hatch, K. Hines, D. Huteson, J. Johnson, E. Kawabe, J. Lee, C. Liu, L. McNeil, C. Mathias, S. Murphy, D. Parsons, K. Pauw, M. Peters, M. Prange, C. Richter, K. Rogers, K. Rom, M. Smothers, K. Stenerson, M. Stivers, S. Till, M. Tuche, T. Walker, J. Wallis, J. Walter, T. Weissman, J. Whiteman, J. Whitlatch, C. Whyte, H. Wiek, J. Yeager, K. Zitkovich



Tamra Ramsey and Kandy Fay take a break in the bakery.

Todd Bernave attributes much of his success to the teaching of Mrs. Olsson.

Jeff Sloane steals the show with his creative song and dance routine.

The 1985-86 Honor Society Installation was held on March 19 at 7:30 p.m. Ms. Biorn welcomed the audience and introduced the guest speaker Ms. Nancy Lundsgaard. Ms. Unger described the College Early entry program at GRCC for academically inclined students. Then the ideals of National Honor Society scholarship, leadership, character, and service were interpreted by the NHS officers. The Principal's introduction of new members was done by Ms. Carda, which was followed by the Installation Ceremony. Congratulations to these academic achievers!

Students from the Marketing/Deca and Marketing on the Mall classes participated in the 2nd annual DECA-Albertsons' takeover. Decaturites were employed in all store positions from store manager to product demonstrator. Other attractions were a booth with info explaining the DECA program and a Pepsi Hot Dog stand. Many students expressed their gratitude toward the friendly, helpful Twin Lakes Albertsons staff and their hopes of returning next year. Decatur students not involved in Marketing are also invited to join the Takeover Crew.



Slide



One of our best batters swings into action.



Andy Gevrtz gets prepared for a grounder.

Gator baseman tags out Sumner opponent.



GATORS SLIDE INTO A WINNING SEASON

When the baseball season began, the Gator team was given the reputation of being young and inexperienced. And rightfully so. The new Junior Varsity baseball team was filled with young sophomore hopefuls. According to John Miller, a senior at Decatur High School and also on the varsity team, the

Junior Varsity Team was a "Great idea" because it gave all the sophomores the chance to play and improve. "Often times" John said, "when young players make the team, they never get a chance to play and perform." The Junior Varsity team will "help form a better varsity team" for the future, accor-

ding to the J.V. Coach, Mr. Baker.

The Gator baseball team's toughest competition has always been Curtis and Sumner, this year unfortunately, was no exception. Although Decatur beat Sumner once, they still had losses with both teams! Overall, the Gator baseball team kept up the

blue and gold winning tradition.

Unfortunately, three of the best Gator varsity baseball players of the year, Lenny Rohleder, John Mitchell and Stephan Rolinski, won't be here next year.



John Mitchell strolls back to the pitcher's mound.



Dan Weis tags the base as Coach Baker urges him on.

Pitcher Brian Link throws an intense pitch.



Front row: Coach Baker, T. Levack, B. Carda, T. Wells, J. Borelli, G. Murry, M. McClure, Coach Holmboe, Middle row: J. Whiteman, G. Heringshaw, A. Gurts, D. Weis, S. Murphy, T. Weymiller, G. Farris, Last row: T. Selber, S. Rolinski, N. Larson, J. Mentink, J. Mitchell, L. Roleder, B. Link, E. Burns, R. Joyner.

BASEBALL SCORECARD

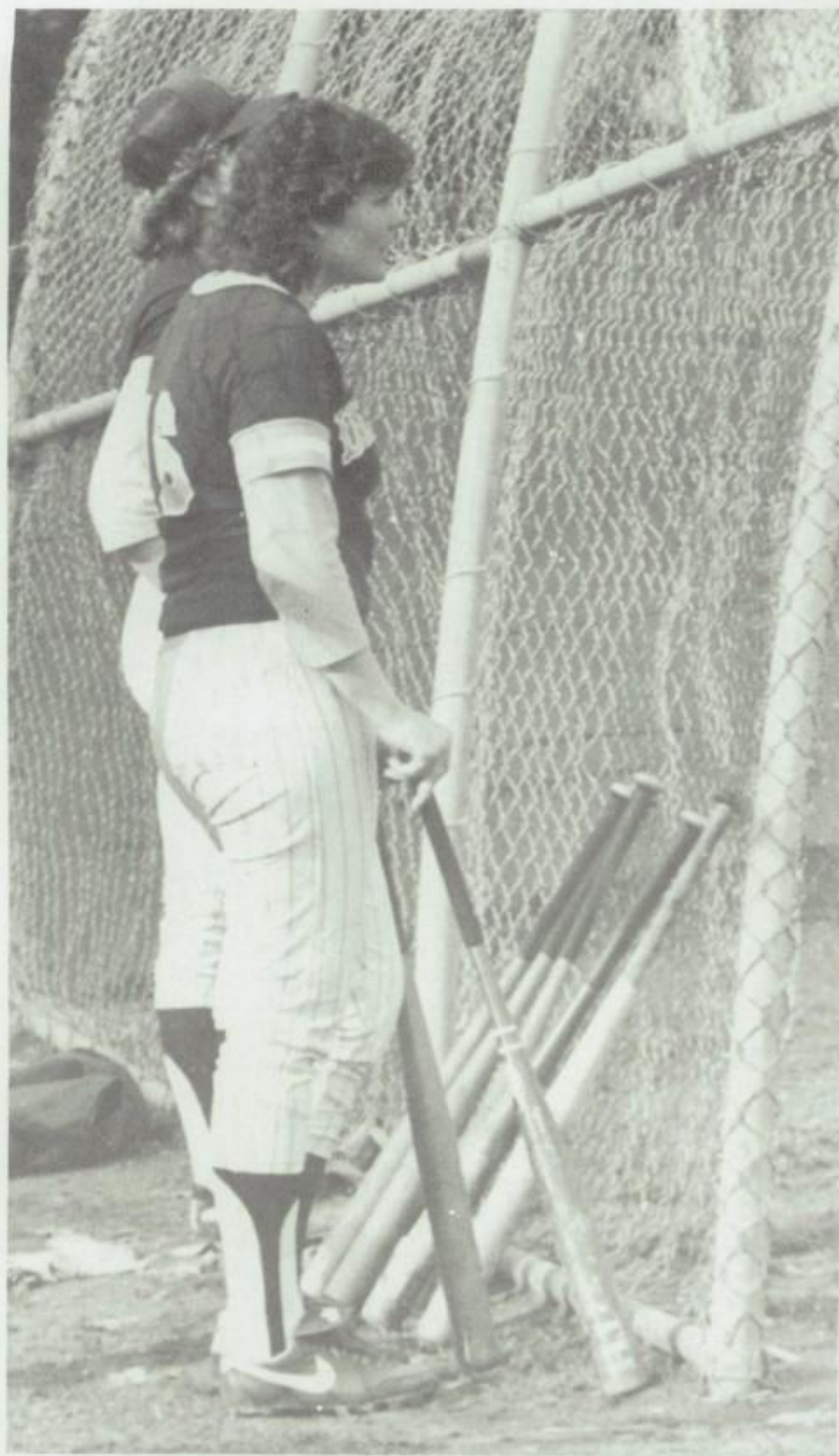
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DHS	7	Clover Park	5
DHS	10	Spanaway Lake	2
DHS	0	Curtis	6
DHS	1	Puyallup	5
DHS	5	Bethel	2
DHS	7	Jefferson	4
DHS	4	Sumner	8
DHS	7	Rogers	3
DHS	8	Lakes	7
DHS	1	Clover Park	2
DHS	2	Spanaway Lake	1

Hip-rah!

Modit Millard getting into action behind the plate.

Cindy Anderson and Molly O'Donnel watch as their teammate steps up to the plate.

Tammy Mayeux, Lelani Berlinobols, and Michelle Lee watch time fly as they wait for their turn.



SCORE CARD A Varsity

DHS 10	Sumner	11
DHS 7	Rogers	1
DHS 7	Clover Park	10
DHS 0	Spanaway Lake	8
DHS 11	Curtis	1
DHS 7	Jefferson	2
DHS 3	Puyallup	4
DHS 7	Bethel	1
DHS 3	Federal Way	2
DHS 6	Sumner	4
DHS 5	Rogers	6
DHS 5	Clover Park	2
DHS 4	Spanaway Lake	7



Team Members: 1st row- D. Field, M. Millard, M. O'Donnel, D. Steele, L. Steincipher, 2nd row- T. Moore, V. Wolfskill, K. Biden, C. Anderson, M. Lee, 3rd row- L. Berlinobols, T. Mayeux, D. Scoville, N. Hall, S. Duke, T. Whitney, 4th row- K. Steely, C. Richter, N. Geisler, D. Richter, P. Cram. Not pictured: S. Finney, J. Pearson, T. Carlson, T. Young.

GIRLS' SOFTBALL A SMASHING HIT!

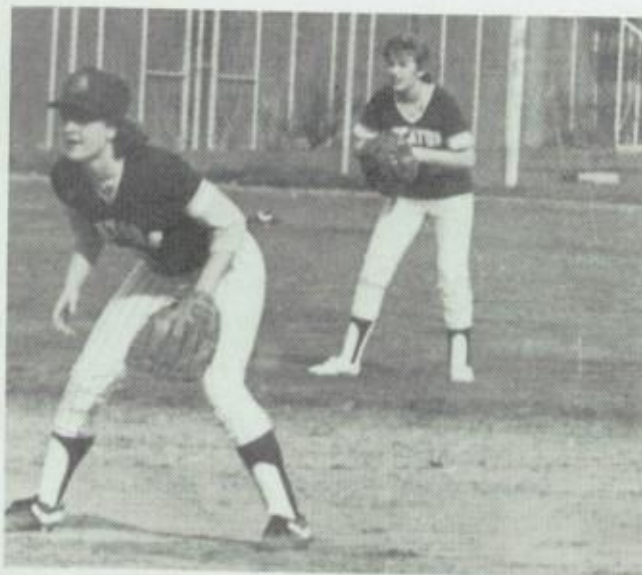


"All the way to Tide Country!" Nikki, Tracy, and Molly just can't stay clean.

Varsity members, bottom right, have a final huddle before they start their game.

Dixie Steele, bottom left, making the throw that may produce an out.

Molly O'Donnel and Tracy Walker, top right, ready for anything.



SCORE CARD B Junior Varsity

DHS 0	Rogers	6
DHS 10	Clover Park	1
DHS 6	Spanaway Lake	7
DHS 15	Curtis	9
DHS 12	Jefferson	9
DHS 2	Puyallup	0
DHS 3	Bethel	4
DHS 10	Federal Way	11
DHS 2	Rogers	6
DHS 15	Clover Park	3
DHS 11	Spanaway Lake	0

SLOWPITCH TEAMS MAKE THEMSELVES KNOWN

"Girls' Softball?" This question is sometimes accompanied by raised eyebrows. It is a subject not often talked about yet definitely exists. Even softball manager Patty Cram admits that it's sad to see such poor attendance at the games. So is softball really worth the trouble? According to comments made by several team members, it is anything but trouble.

"To me softball means teamwork and friendship. It helps me with responsibility and builds self-confidence. Everyone on the team helps each other out by cheering them on and giving each other pointers." ---Debbie Field

"I like Mr. Flynn as a coach because he works the team hard rain or shine." ---Kim Steeley

"I've played softball on a team for 8 years now and of them all, this year's team is definitely the best. The best part of softball to me is the team unity and all the fun we have together on and off the field. The coaches are awesome! They really know how to make us all love being out there and winning those games!" ---Molly O'Donnel

lickety-split

SCORECARD

GIRLS'

Decatur	66	Clover Park	57
Decatur	80	Sumner	43
Decatur	23	Rogers	60
		Puyallup	73
Decatur	55	Curtis	66
		Spanaway Lake	37

1st row-Coach Anderson, C. Yoon, E. Tuxbury, A. Doflemyer, J. Vrasper, N. Johnson, J. Schnaitman, A. Anderson, 2nd row-Coach Baker, W. Bogle, D. Anderson, S. Eidinger, H. Bradbury, K. Madison, M. Stergion, E. Doherty, Coach Koehn. 3rd row-Coach Dean, A. Rott, S. Carlson, R. Echiverria, C. McCauley, S. River, M. Young, M. Rawlins, Coach Kendall.



TRACK SPRINTS INTO ACTION

This year the track team was a mixture of sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Although the team didn't achieve all of their goals, they remained optimistic and full of spirit throughout the season.

"We had an outstanding young group of athletes to work with this year. It has been exciting for the coaches to see the improvement the track athletes have made this season. The rain has slowed us down a little, but the desire and attitude of the team has been great."-Coach Anderson.

The highlight of the season was the meet between Decatur and Sumner where they won by a margin of 80 points. They have hopes for a winning and exciting season next year.



Tony Russel goes up and over.

Allen Carbert thinks, "No pain, No gain."





SCORECARD

Boys'			
Decatur	49	Clover Park	86
Decatur	89	Sumner	46
Decatur	41	Rogers	62
		Puyallup	66
Decatur	48	Curtis	70
		Spanaway Lake	59

1st row-S. Fallon, S. Kohut, L. Riley, S. Till, C. Karn, K. Zellerhoff, A. Carbert, M. Olson, T. Ashbridge, J. Witter, M. Davis, M. Kawata, J. Hernandez, C. Schreiber, B. Lingerfelter, T. Uphaw, Coach Anderson. 3rd row-Coach Dean, J. Johnson, D. Morrell, T. Bristoll, K. Thomason, B. Hatch, S. Tiffany, S. McKenna, T. Talor, E. Adams, J. Thomas.



Monica Stergion, Bret Hatch, Steve McKenna, Jim Hernandez, Louis Frank, Todd Taylor, Scott Tiffany and Michelle Rawlins happily stretch their muscles.



It looks like Brian Kaiser will make it over the high jump.



Chris Karn concentrating on his stance.

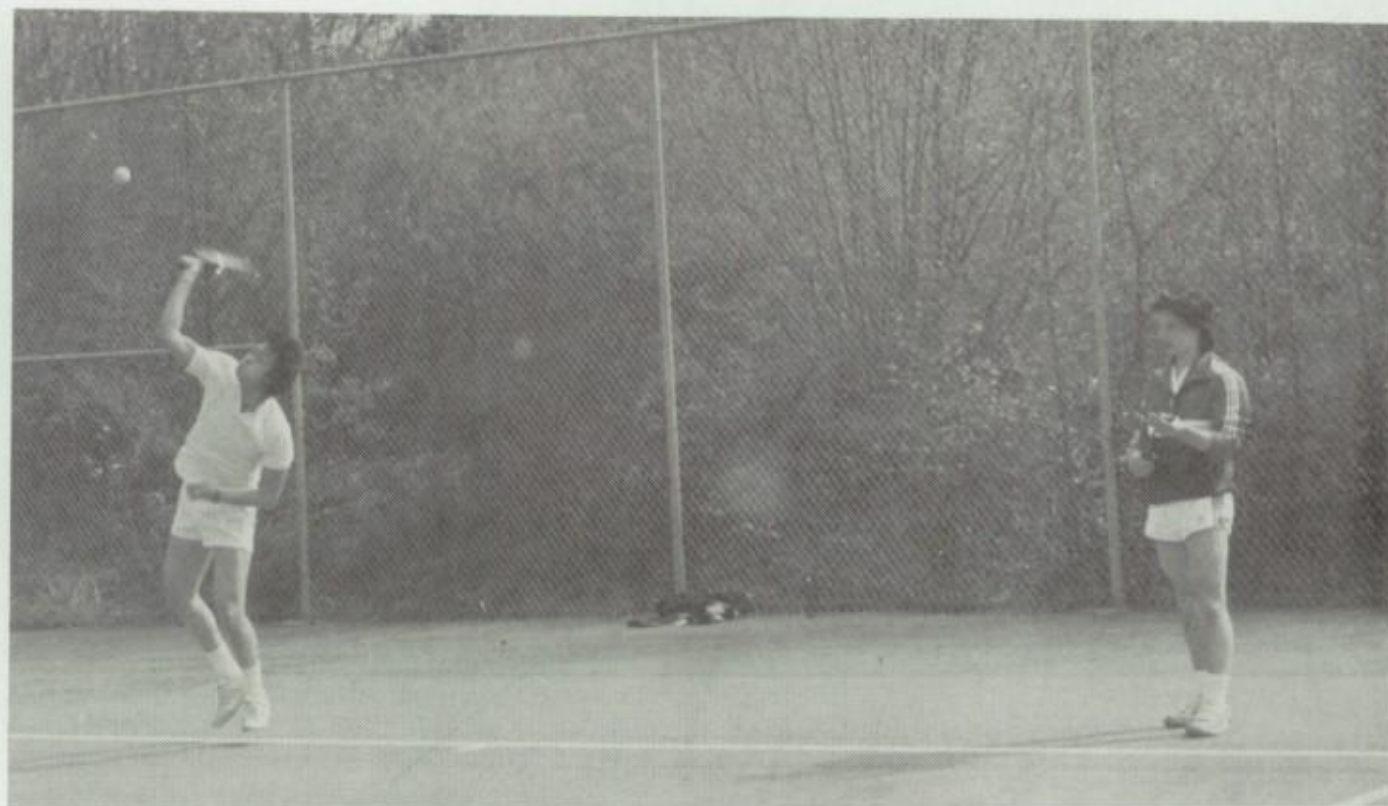
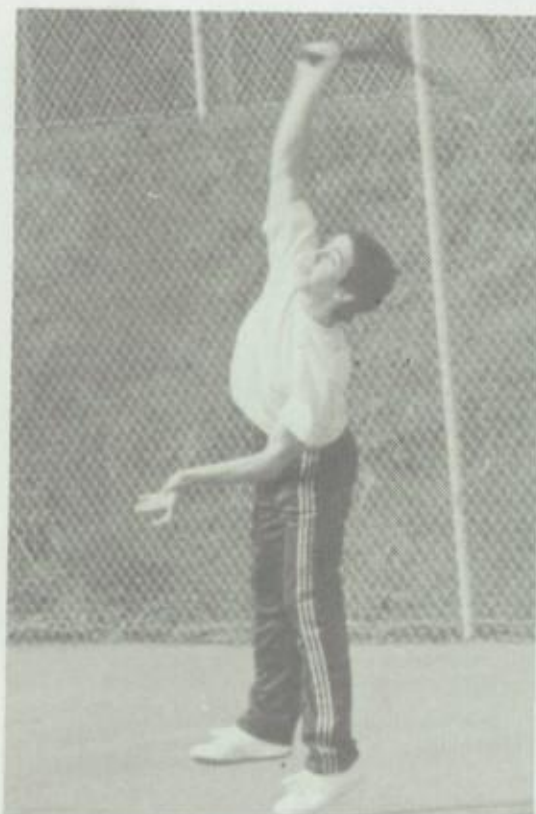
Dutch Morrell swingin' with all his might.

Ace it

Joe Laky stands by while John Bang practices his backhand.

Doug Lyons has a strong serve.

Sang Wong and Ulrich Schack practice for an important match.



GATORS SWING INTO

This year the boys' tennis team hit into action with hopes of competing in the South Puget Sound League District. The team is a blend of returning lettermen from the past year and a very good group of Freshman players. Joe Laky and John Richards believe "This season has been an interesting one, with all the rain and rescheduling of the matches we really didn't know who and if we would play until about two o'clock that day." But the excitement rose when they finally

got their chance to do their best. Doug Lyons feels "this is the strongest they've been." Sophomore teammate, Chou Liu comments "that they worked well together." This combination can be explained with the fact that there was a lot of cooperation among team members. With all the young players they feel that next year will be even more successful than this year's team. Wanting to turn out for a sport, one of our German exchange students, Ulrich Schack didn't play much

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tennis back home, but discovered "it is a lot of fun." Their success is a combination of items, but their ability to work together seemed to be a key factor, but of course their excellent playing brought in their deserved victories. The team would like to thank Coach Haas for his support through-out the years. THANKS AND GOOD LUCK!!!



John Bang prepares for a forehand hit.

John Richards demonstrates an overhead smash.

Tom Sanger and John Bang listen to Coach Haas about the strategy for the next match.



Front row: C. Herman, J. Richards Middle row: M. Stivers, J. Laky, J. Bang, C. Liu Back row: S. Wong, Coach Haas, W. Baxter, J. Rofaz, F. Johnson, U. Schack, J. Richards, T. Sanger

SCORECARD

DHS	5	Thomas Jefferson	0
DHS	5	Federal Way	0
DHS	5	Rogers	0
DHS	3	Puyallup	2
DHS	5	Spanaway	0
DHS	4	Lakes	1
DHS	4	Clover Park	1
DHS	5	Sumner	0
DHS	5	Curtis	0
DHS	5	Bethel	0

gator plus

The boys' soccer team opened Friday March 14th with a 2-1 loss to Nathan Hale. The Gators did not play well in the first half but definitely played well in the second half. The Gators had

a lot of chances during the game with Tim Renz, Russel Aley, Troy Stoll, and Mike Smothers getting some close shots.

Josh Puckett, the Gators forward states, "We are coming along and things are starting to get better."

Chad Warren quotes, "Things aren't going so bad this year, it's fun and I really enjoy playing."

"I enjoy playing because it's

JUST FOR KICKS

well balanced and I think we'll go far this year," states an enthusiastic player Tim Stokley.

Jim Haima feels Decatur's strong point on the team is their defense. His most memorable moment came from a 72 yard goal that he made this year. Jim said, "The best part of playing soccer is achieving his 'goals'!"

David Dahl said, "The hardest part of soccer is all of the running you must do, but the best part is winning." His most memorable moment came

when he scored a goal against Lakes.

"The lads are again a power in the SPSL and are looking forward to a State playoff berth. This year's team is a younger team than what Decatur has usually put on the field yet they have the talent to be one of the stronger teams in the league," states Coach Dennison.

Decatur has made it into the playoffs, they will play on May 19th against the NPSL champions.

Good job soccer players!!

Coach Dennison propels his team to a winning season.



When the going gets tough, the Gators really know how to pull through.

Tension builds as the ball approaches the ground.



Bottom Row-Jim Haima
 2nd Row- Ken Johnson, Jeff Cordick, Josh Puckett, Mike Smothers, Brad Fiorito, Tim Stokley, Russell Aley, Chong Kim, Terry Rush, Chad Warren
 3rd Row- Todd Berg, David Dahl, Tim Renz, Miguell Cabeza, Troy Stoll, Rob Boyd, Mark Hall, Troy Leishman, Brian O'Donnell
 Top Row- Susan Hope, Janice Gadstby, Becky Chalcraft, Shelly Crawford

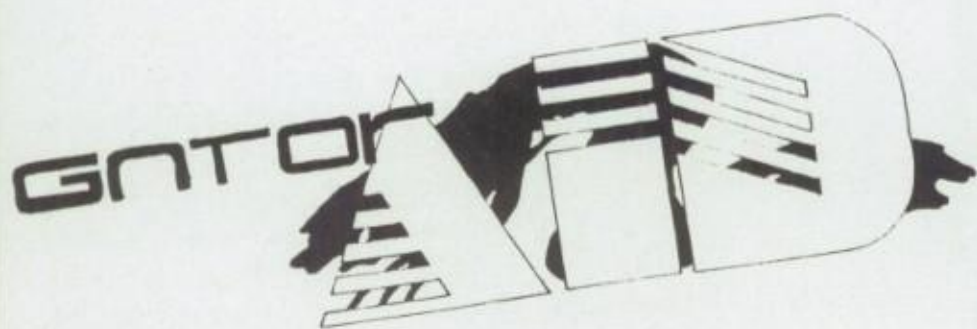
SCORECARD

DHS	6	Clover Park	0
DHS	3	Sumner	0
DHS	2	Rogers	3
DHS	2	Puyallup	1
DHS	1	Federal Way	3
DHS	10	Bethel	2
DHS	0	Jefferson	3
DHS	1	Curtis	0
DHS	2	Lakes	0
DHS	3	Spanaway Lake	0
DHS	2	Bellarmine	3

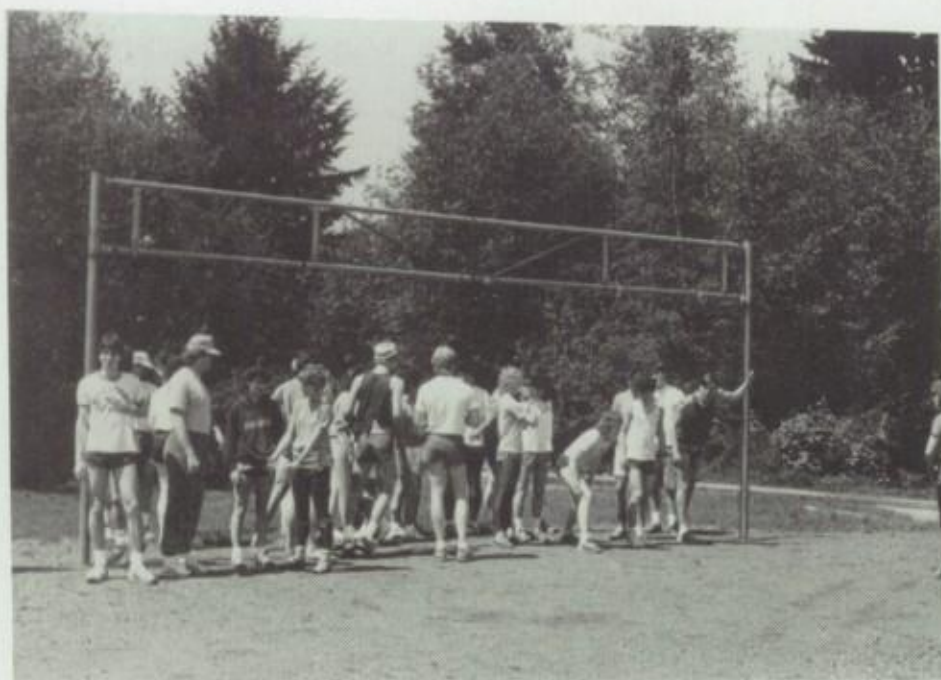


Tim Stokley, the goalie, prepares himself for another big game.

The lads top off another victory against Spanaway Lake.

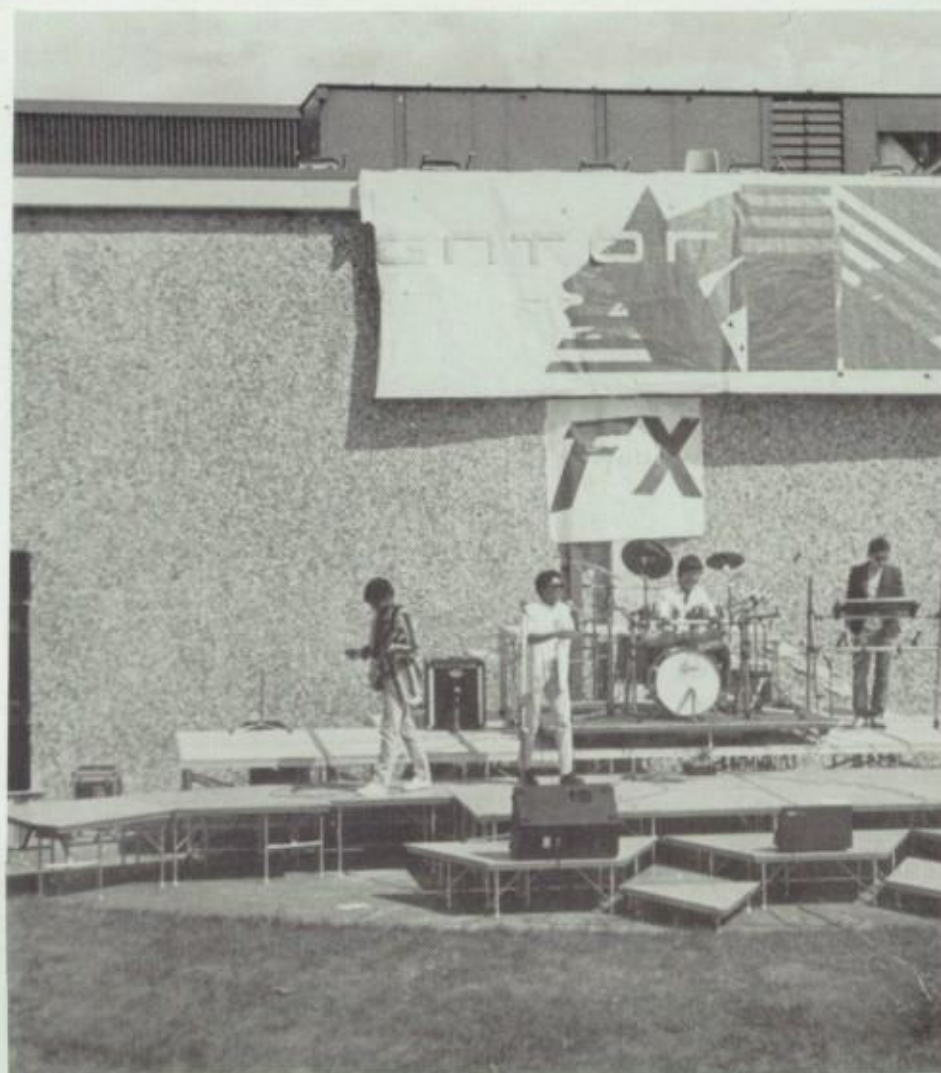


The starting line for the 3k race around the school area.



The girls' softball team sells the "pie" for the pie in the face.

This year at Decatur we had a new kind of fund raiser, Gator Aid. It provided an opportunity for the clubs and groups at school to raise money by creating booths or stands, for the activity day. It was a day for fun in the sun (which we were thankful for). A couple of activities were the Car Bash and the Nail Pounding Contest. There was also a Dunk Tank and for a minimal charge you could dunk your favorite teacher. One of the favorites of the day was the "pie in the face", you could pay a dollar and have someone hit your friend (or enemy) in the face with a pie. It got a little out of hand but everyone was a good sport. Another favorite was the jail, you could have someone thrown in for up to five minutes by the school police patrol. A majority of the clubs and groups participated by having food booths. Pioneer Pie's were sold from a stand provided by DECA and there was a stand with Mr. Bouchard's grilled hamburgers and teri aki chicken. Everything from strawberry crepes to nachos were sold. All in all, Gator Aid was a big success with the school. It was a chance for the students to get together and create a little school spirit. Hopefully, this will become a new tradition with Decatur High School.



Danielle Salzetti gets hands on experience making cotton candy.



Tim Simonson, ASB Treasurer, is one of the victims of the Dunk Tank.

WOODSTOCK

Another attraction of Gator Aid was the Battle of the Bands. Everyone gathered around at the amphitheater and had a great time listening to the four bands. Three of the bands were made up of Decatur students; Special F X, Jack of Hearts, and Departure. Departure was the winning band. A couple of the songs included an oldie but goodie from Elvis and Smokin' in the boys' room by Motley Crue. The guys did a fine job. The Battle of the Bands was a big success with everyone having fun and laying in the sun.

Rhonda Lenberg, Tonia Suchy, Pam Bowen, and Linda Flannery have a rockin' time at the Battle of the Bands.

This is Special FX, one of the bands who played at the Battle of the Bands.



Decatur students crowd around for the Battle of the Bands, Decatur's version of "Woodstock".



Tracy Volker and James Drury show us their togetherness in the Pepsi/Hotdog stand.



Brian Cavanaugh showed his skateboarding technique in the Greatest Gator Competition.

SPRING - THE FINAL CHAPTER

In the very merry month of May, the 10th to be exact, over 200 couples entered the Bicentennial Pavillion in Downtown Tacoma for this year's Junior-Senior Prom. The Pavillion, located on the Tacoma Sheraton Hotel, was large enough to hold the 550 people who attended and the live band, the Machine, including their light show.

Pink bows and silver balloons nestled atop mirrors surrounded with candles, to add sparkle, decorated the pavillion and added a classy but festive character to the scene.

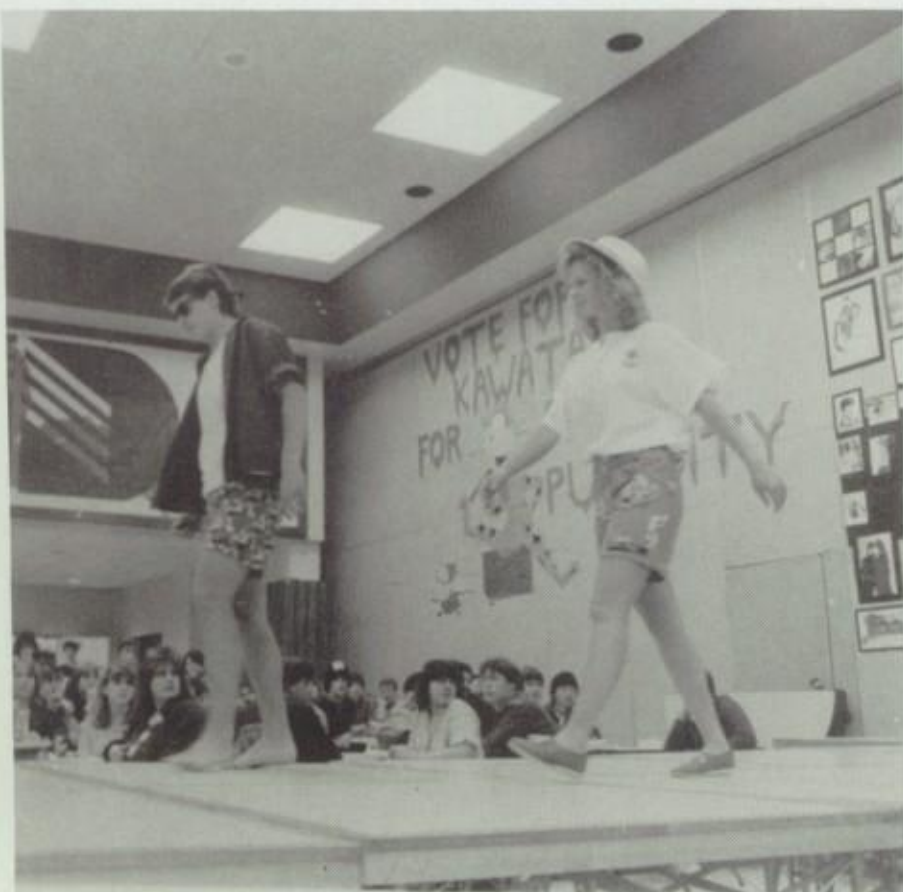
"It was the best prom I've ever been to", said Kim Dillon. Her date George, "The whole place was just beautiful and finally big enough to hold all

these people."

A solid brass key chain, shaped like a prom ticket was given as a memento to all the Cinderella's and their princes at the ball.

Lisa Schatz and Tonia Suchy are getting ready for Gator Aid.

The 1986 Prom was a huge success full of fun and festivities as can be seen on the faces of Steve Wiren and Juli Pearson.



Mark Hall and Vonnle Montgomery are showing off their summer clothes.



Chris Cho and Chris Herman bask in the artificial sunlight of the cafeteria while introducing the latest summer fads:

On May 7, first and second lunch had a special surprise. DECA held a Mr. Rags Summer fashion show, with Master of Ceremonies Chris Cho. All the selections of summer wear were very colorful. The models were wearing wild, bright shorts with matching tops, hats, and glasses.

Other models were kim Dillon, Brad Walsberg, Jenise French, Jeff Witter, Jennifer Horner, Tim Simonson, Kim Knoch, Mike Kleingartner, Julie Stenersen, Mark Hall, Kris Nelson, Butch Carda, Vonnle Montgomery, Kelly Waldroop, April Bloomfield and Todd Cowan.

April Bloomfield is modeling her summer outfit in the cafeteria.



1986 EXPERIENCE

We hope you can
judge this book by it's
cover.

The fifteenth volume of the Experience was printed by Josten's American Yearbook Company, Visalia, California. The area representative was Ms. Jan Williams, and our in-plant director and consultant Mr. Gil Quesada. Our thanks and appreciation to these two people for their help and patience with many unusual requests.

The cover was designed to UPDATE the annual into the graphics of the 80's and to set the tone for its contents. We wanted a modern visual approach to your history book.

Specific print technicals include laminated cover over custom colors, blue foil, and original school design. Copy was Serif gothic bold in combination with original art work. Paper stock for the run of 1050 copies is 80lb. varnished enamel matt with electric blue endsheet stock.

"An Update" was used as the thematic statement. Designers created the theme logo using ideas from Dial magazine and current trends in advertising.

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We wanted the book to be a positive statement about life at Decatur. The fun and frills as well as the sports and academics; at the same time addressing community, national, and world events of concern and interest that will put this year into perspective when the book is viewed in years to come. Enjoy!



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Todd Bernave and Matt Davis shows off their favorite artist.

Sabrina, Chris and Marsha are crazy for Tim Upshaw.



Nine months: It seemed like forever in September; we didn't know where it had gone in June.

Ever wonder how you'll get through the week, and on Thursday night wonder where all those days went as you scramble to finish homework. The year slipped by that same way. Seniors anxious to fly through the *big one* were suddenly faced with graduation and the *real world* all too soon.

— First period was preceded by zero hour. And a 7th period was also added to the day. Something for the night owls and early risers.

— Big plans to remodel were put on the drawing boards; 1986-87 should be interesting.

— The weather was never predictable. It snowed on Valentines Day.

— Band got "best in state" reviews.

— Plans to visit Canada's Expo 86 began to shape into a reality

— Paisley prints were back with

the polka dots. They were definitely KNARLY.

— Cityhood for Federal Way failed for the third time and remains to be seen.

Somewhere in between the tedium of day after day school marched on, and on, and on ending June 19 because of missed snow days.

Friendships deepened, memories overlapped, knowledge compacted into places in your brain and before you knew it school was about to end. Yearbooks were distributed on awards day a befitting tribute to all who were a part of the Decatur Kingdom. An Update of all those events, something to remember, hold on to, to care about, and move on.



Shannon Humphry tries convincing Gina that things will get better.



Now where did I leave my camera?



Eric, *please*, you're embarrassing me.



Christa Chell enjoys her lunch break.

Please girls, there's only so much of me to go around.



Birthday girl, Linda Flanery, tries to hide behind her balloons.

Does Steve McKenna know he's being watched?

Larry Shank and Jim Pierce have a friendly chat before school.



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